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One killed, 61 hurt in two accidents

One man was killed, and 61 persons were injured, some seriously, in two accidents yesterday.

The driver of a private car was killed and his wife and two daughters were seriously injured in a collision with an army truck in Ashdod. Three soldiers in the truck were injured.

The accident, at 5:30 p.m. on the southern coastal road at the Ashdod junction, brought to nine the number of persons killed in traffic accidents since last Friday. Eight persons were killed in two crashes on Friday, one involving a car and a train at a level crossing.

The army truck, heading south towards Ashkelon, veered off the road, returned to the road and then careered into the oncoming lane of traffic. It was hit by the private car in the northbound lane.

Michael Asulin, 32, of the Ayanot Agricultural School near Nes Ziona, was killed. His wife, Tikva, and daughters aged three and six were seriously injured. Names of the injured soldiers were not released.

The injured were taken to Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot and Barzilai Hospital in Ashkelon.

In Rishon Lezion, 55 people were injured, one seriously, when two Egged buses and a private car collided at 5 p.m.

The No. 3 bus was heading from the eastern part of the city towards the centre of town when it was hit on the left by another bus at the intersection of Sderot Yerushalayim and Rehov Hashomer. The collision sent the No. 3 bus into a private car.

The car was totally wrecked and one of its passengers was lightly injured.

Within a few minutes, 10 Magen David Adom ambulances arrived at the scene and took the injured to Assaf Harofeh Hospital.

An IDF officer who arrived on the scene from a military base organized soldiers to take the injured to a shady spot and gave first aid.

Among the injured were five who suffered moderate injuries including two babies. Fifteen children riding the local bus were hurt. Passengers suffering head injuries were taken to Tel Hashomer Hospital.

Police investigators said one of the two drivers had failed to yield the right of way. (Itim)



U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead meets yesterday with Prime Minister Shimon Peres. (Gustavo Feinblatt)

Inspector-General David Kraus:
Albin questioned about three 'serious crimes'

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Michael Albin, the Tel Aviv financier who fell to his death from a police station window last weekend, refused to answer questions posed by investigators at work on at least three separate cases of "serious crimes" involving "billions of shekels," in which Albin was a prime suspect, police Inspector-General David Kraus said yesterday.

More arrests are likely in the cases, he said.

Speaking at a news briefing after receiving an internal report on the circumstances of Albin's death, Kraus said that Albin went to the national fraud squad headquarters last Friday morning prepared to spend time in detention for interrogation. Both prior to his arrest and on Saturday morning, a few hours before he fell to his death, he consulted with an attorney, said Kraus.

He brought a change of clothes and there were no indications of any mental instability that might have warranted precautions concerning a possible suicide attempt, the inspector-general said.

Yesterday Kraus confirmed the existence of three cases: suspected illegal transactions on the Tel Aviv stock market; embezzlement of funds into personal accounts from companies owned by international financier Shaul Eisenberg, Albin's former boss; and the defrauding of a company that Kraus declined to name.

Kraus refused to divulge particulars involving the three cases, but it has been reported that Albin was suspected of misappropriating more than $2m. from Eisenberg.

There have been reports that the inquiry into Albin's suspected illegal transactions involved the period when, as owner of Ata, he apparently used fictitious buying agents to drive the price of the textile firm's shares up by a factor of 25.

Other reports say the police wanted to ask Albin about a $10m. Industry Ministry investment in the textile firm, which Albin had promised to put into rejuvenation of the company's aging equipment, but which, it is suspected, went into the stock exchange.

Held overnight with a fraud suspect and a first-time offender who assaulted a police officer, in a special Abu Kabir lock-up cell used for first-time and white-collar offenders, Albin suffered "no undue pressure" from being held, said Kraus.

During Saturday's questioning by a chief superintendent and a chief

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Peres tells Whitehead:
Israel wants to start peace talks immediately

By MICHAEL EILAN
Post Diplomatic Reporter

Israel would like to start direct peace negotiations with Jordan and the Palestinians immediately, Prime Minister Shimon Peres yesterday told visiting U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead.

Whitehead, who arrived in Israel after visiting Egypt and Jordan, told Peres that he found that King Hussein is interested in continuing the peace process, according to officials in the Prime Minister's Office. Whitehead did not, however, say in the luncheon meeting with Peres when the U.S. would respond to the list of Palestinian delegates who wish to meet with Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy. Whitehead was accompanied in all his visits by the new U.S. American ambassador, Thomas Pickering.

Peres, who reviewed Israel's positions for the guest, stressed Israel's strong views of any talks with the PLO.

Whitehead heard the same message on the PLO in the afternoon when he met with Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. The foreign minister also stressed Israel's objections to any meeting between Murphy and the Palestinian delegation as now proposed.

Shamir said the only purpose of such a meeting would be to secure American recognition of the PLO and quoted an article by one of the delegates, Khalid Al-Hassan which called for the continuation of the "armed struggle" which Shamir said meant terrorism.

Earlier in the day, Whitehead met Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, who after a breakfast meeting, took his guests to the Liberty Bell Park to see Jewish and Arab children playing in the same area. They then

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Soviets seen pushing for role in peace process

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. – The Soviet Union has intensified its campaign to convene an international conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Authoritative diplomatic sources in Washington yesterday said the new Soviet foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, appeared to go out of his way to underline this point during his meeting last week in Helsinki with Secretary of State George Shultz.

The sources said the Shultz-Shevardnadze exchange on the Middle East did not break any new ground. But what was interesting to the U.S. side was the strong emphasis given by the Soviet foreign minister to the notion of an international conference.

Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Meir Rosenne yesterday met with the chief U.S. arms control negotiator, Max Kampelman, to discuss the most recent developments involving the Soviet Union.

U.S. officials, while welcoming the apparently improved atmosphere in U.S.–Soviet ties in recent weeks, have insisted that no real substantive changes have been forthcoming on the emigration of Soviet Jews.

In the past, the Reagan administration has made a greater Soviet diplomatic involvement in Arab-Israeli peace negotiations conditional on such issues as an easing of Soviet harassment of Jews and the resumption of diplomatic relations with Israel.

U.S. and Israeli officials yesterday agreed that the Soviets were very anxious to become more involved in the diplomatic process, and were therefore pushing for an international conference which they could co-chair with the U.S.

This was also underscored yesterday by an article that appeared on the Op-Ed Page of *The New York Times*. Robert Davydkov, who writes about the Middle East for Novosti, a Soviet government press agency, called on Israel to participate in an international conference along the lines of the 1973 Geneva Convention.

"Israeli consent to participate in

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13 known dead in European Alps
Blizzards, rains disrupt traffic on land and water

VIENNA (Reuter). – Summer gales and blizzards raged again over Western Europe's mountain areas yesterday, with 10 reported dead in Austria and three climbers killed in the Swiss and French Alps.

Torrential rains caused the Danube River to overflow in parts of Austria and it was closed to shipping. Troops helped to clear the main road through the Brenner Pass, one of Europe's key north-south routes, and rail traffic between West Germany and Italy was diverted through Switzerland.

Soldiers were called in to help clear main roads across the Brenner Pass, now partly reopened after being closed by landslides on Tuesday. But rail traffic was still cut on the route, one of Europe's key north-south communications lines.

Federal railways officials said landslides had blocked the tracks, causing traffic between West Germany and Italy to be diverted through Switzerland. The Innsbruck-Brenner line was later cleared, as was the line west from the Tyrolean city.

Innsbruck, capital of Tyrol province which is packed with tourists, was one of the worst affected places. All rail lines into the city were cut by landslips and several districts flooded when the Inn River overflowed. Seven of the 10 deaths were in Tyrol.

Trade deficit drops 35%

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The country's trade deficit in the first seven months of this year totalled $1,148.8 million, down by 35 per cent compared to the same figure last year when the deficit was $1,753m.

The foreign trade figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics are the latest in a series of positive indicators that have boosted the government's claims that its economic policy is succeeding.

Last month's figures showed a 66 per cent drop in the trade deficit as compared to July 1984: $135.3m. compared to $400m.

Imports of goods between January and July totalled $4,549m., 7.5 per cent less than in the corresponding period in 1984.

Exports in the same January-July period were $3,407 m., an increase of 7.6 per cent over the corresponding 1984 period.

After adjusting for seasonal factors, the bureau reported that the trade gap was 36 per cent lower in June-July than in April-May. This reflected a large drop in fuel imports.

Also after adjusting for seasonal factors, the average monthly trade gap for the first seven months of the year was 18 per cent below the average for the second half of 1984.

Imports of consumer goods in January-July were 9 per cent less than in the same period last year, reflecting a 23 per cent drop in the imports of consumer durables.

Imports of production inputs, excluding fuel, did not drop during January-July, but the purchase of fuel and fuel products abroad fell from $973m. in the first seven months of 1984 to $772m. to end of July 1985.

Development towns look to West Bank, Golan councils

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – The heads of the development towns local councils yesterday agreed to co-opt the Jewish local councils in the West Bank and the Golan Heights.

The decision was taken during a visit to Ariel in Samaria, at the settlers' invitation.

MK Meir Shitrit (Likud), the mayor of Yavne, told *The Jerusalem Post* the councils in the administered territories have been paying taxes and taking part in some of the Union of Local Councils' activities but have not been full members. Yesterday's decision is a step towards granting them equal status.

The heads of the development towns hoped that by co-opting the settlers they will be able to enlarge their lobby, Shitrit said.

3 Samaria residents held in bomb attacks

Security services apprehended three Samaria residents suspected of throwing petrol bombs at a Border Police patrol Sunday night in the Ein Beit Ilmeh refugee camp near Nablus, the IDF spokesman reported yesterday.

Two Border Police officers suffered burns in the incident.

The suspects confessed to Sunday's attack and to other recent petrol bomb attacks, the spokesman reported.

British 'regret' new moves on terror

LONDON. – The British Foreign Office yesterday "regretted" recent Israeli government measures taken to deal with renewed tension on the West Bank.

Negotiations on civil service cuts soon, but...

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Negotiations between government employers and the Civil Service Union over the reduction of the public sector workforce are expected to begin within the next few days, union secretary Reuven Ben-Ami told *The Jerusalem Post* last night

But Ben-Ami stressed that the fact that negotiations were beginning did not mean the union accepted the principle of dismissals. During the first 14-day stage of the negotiations, the union intends proposing a variety of measures which, it maintains, will make the system more efficient without resort to dismissals.

The process will begin when the heads of the union's branches throughout the country receive invitations from the employers to open negotiations. Ben-Ami said that Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Natan had told him that the invitations were despatched yesterday.

Ben-Ami reiterated that the union would not agree to a shortening of the dismissals process as set out in the Civil Service Code. However, Histadrut Trade Union Department Chairman Haim Haberfeld said the Histadrut would advise the union leaders to agree to a shortening after the first stages of the process had been completed and agreement on matters of principle.

Natan, Ben-Ami and Haberfeld met at Histadrut headquarters here yesterday, following the agreement reached between the government and the Histadrut on Tuesday night to conduct labour relations within the framework of existing labour agreements.

Despite Natan's charges after the meeting that Ben-Ami was attempting to drag out the process, the union's position that the process must be conducted according to the book appeared to have prevailed.

The government's insistence on shortening the process stems from a desire to avoid the designated first stage in which proposals for avoiding dismissals can be raised by either side. The government would prefer to begin with discussions on the logistics of the dismissals.

The union is adamant, however, that the established procedure be adhered to. When the two sides meet, union secretaries will propose that dismissals be avoided by offering preferential benefits to those choosing early retirement, by facilitating mobility between departments, by halting work contracted to private firms, and by going over to a five-day work week.

The dismissals process as established in the Civil Service Code is as follows: negotiations between employers and union branch heads over the need for dismissals – 14 days; negotiations between the union secretariat and the Civil Service Commission – 14 days; negotiations between management and work committees at the individual work place – 21 days; committee stage on details of those to be dismissed – up to 10 days; review committee – 14 days; and agreed arbitration – seven days.

Haberfeld also met yesterday with Treasury wages director Hillel Duda'i on the issue of wage supplements and allowances that the Treasury refused to adjust last month. The Histadrut maintains that Tuesday's agreement to conduct labour relations according to existing labour relations means that the allowances must be adjusted monthly in line with inflation.

Storm over Jewish, Arab youth meetings

Jerusalem Post Staff

Education Minister Yitzhak Navon yesterday asked the head of the ministry's religious education division, Ya'acov Hadani, not to distribute his planned directive forbidding meetings between religious Jewish youth and Arab youth, the ministry announced.

Navon said he would meet Hadani soon to clear up the matter, and that if necessary, he would also meet the chief rabbis.

Hadani had reportedly planned to distribute the directive on September 1, the beginning of the new school year.

Speaking on Israel Radio yesterday, Hadani said the Jewish-Arab meetings – which have been strongly promoted by the ministry – "could lead to intermarriage between the two populations." Hadani claimed this fear was shared by Arab religious leaders.

Asked how he would react if similar prohibitions were to be made abroad against contact with Jews, Hadani said he would welcome them as they would protect Jewish children from assimilation.

Last week the Chief Rabbinical Council came out against an Education Ministry publication which calls for meetings of Jewish and Arab pupils. The council implied such meetings could lead to violations of *kashrut*.

Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz told Israel Radio yesterday that he supports Hadani's position. "If we look at Jewish history, the greatest danger to the Jewish people in all generations has been assimilation," Peretz said.

Navon repeated yesterday that his ministry would not only continue but increase such meetings to strengthen education for democracy and fight racism.

But he noted that he is aware of special problems connected to religion, relating to *kashrut* and meetings between the sexes.

Education Ministry director-general Eliezer Shmueli said yesterday that Hadani's authority to issue directives against the meetings is by no means certain.

He added that there has been an extensive programme involving Jewish and Arab teachers and pupils during the past year, in which youth from religious schools did participate.

Secondary School Teachers Association secretary Shoshana Bayer called for Hadani's dismissal.

Knesset members Shevah Weiss (Alignment), Chaike Grossman (Mapam), and Tawfik Toubi (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) sent Navon cables, terming Hadani's attitude "racist" and "smacking of Kahanism."

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Some of the 2,000 Israeli Arabs who left yesterday in a fleet of 36 buses bound for the traditional annual pilgrimage (haj) to Mecca wait at the Allenby Bridge near Jericho before crossing into Jordan on the first leg of their journey. The government set an age limit of 35 and over for pilgrims. Another 1,200 pilgrims from the administered areas are to leave today. (Gustavo Feinblatt)

Arab summit opens with five key seats empty

CASABLANCA. – The first Arab summit conference for nearly three years opened last night, but key moderate leaders were absent and Syria and other radical states boycotted it.

Sixteen of the 21 Arab League members turned up for the meeting, opened by an address from Morocco's King Hassan in the ornate royal palace of the nation's economic capital.

Moroccan television showed the empty seats of five states boycotting the session – Syria, Algeria, South Yemen, Lebanon and Libya.

In a last-minute change of agenda, the five-year-old Gulf war between Iran and Iraq was added as a third item, sources close to the Iraqi delegation said. Main subjects under discussion are the normalization of inter-Arab relations and the Palestinian issue.

The sources said the summit was expected to set up a conciliation committee to tour Arab capitals and try to solve disputes and set a date for an ordinary summit in Riyadh.

Earlier, Arab leaders held last-minute meetings and made phone calls in an attempt to rescue or change the course of the summit, whose call for unity was being swamped by division even before it opened.

There were also reports of meetings between individual Arab leaders, and of phone calls by Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, one of the key heads of state refusing to attend, to chiefs of other Middle East and North African nations.

Libya's chief delegate, Ahmed el-Shahati, left Casablanca suddenly Tuesday after angry exchanges at a preliminary meeting of Arab foreign ministers over Libyan attempts to have the summit condemn Iraq for its war with Iran, and Jordan and the PLO for their joint initiative for peace with Israel.

Some Libyan delegates remained in Casablanca yesterday but it was uncertain what, if any, role they would play in the summit.



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BUENOS AIRES	8	46	11	51	Rain
CHICAGO	19	66	28	82	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	12	54	18	64	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	9	48	18	64	Cloudy
GENEVA	12	53	15	59	Rain
HELSINKI	13	55	17	63	Rain
HONG KONG	28	82	33	91	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	7	45	24	75	Clear
LISBON	15	59	24	75	Clear
LONDON	12	54	18	64	Cloudy
MADRID	11	52	29	84	Clear
MONTREAL	18	64	30	86	Cloudy
NEW YORK	20	68	27	80	Cloudy
OSLO	14	58	16	61	Cloudy
PARIS	12	54	19	65	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	14	57	32	89	Clear
SAO PAULO	13	55	26	78	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	14	57	21	70	Clear
TOKYO	24	75	30	86	Cloudy
TORONTO	19	66	29	84	Cloudy
VIENNA	19	66	24	75	Cloudy
ZURICH	13	56	28	82	Rain

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Safad	45	17–29	30
Haifa Port	59	25–30	30
Tiberias	40	22–36	36
Nazareth	49	—–30	31
Afula	51	23–32	33
Shomron	39	19–31	32
Tel Aviv	60	22–29	29
B-G Airport	67	21–30	30
Jericho	35	21–37	37
Gaza	67	22–28	28
Beersheba	33	20–34	35
Eilat	22	29–41	40

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Outgoing U.S. Naval Attache Captain David Wilbourne and his replacement, Captain Gerald MacDonald, were hosted at Haifa city hall yesterday by Mayor Arye Gurel.

U.S. Consulate official dies of heart attack

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Robert Bell, chief of the consular section of the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem, died of a heart attack Monday night in the capital. He was 45. Bell is survived by his wife and two children. He was scheduled to join them on vacation in Europe this week. His wife returned to Jerusalem last night.

Local authorities to get $12m. advance

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Acting on a request from Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz, Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i yesterday agreed to release $12 million to the country's local authorities. The money is an advance on their next budgetary allowance

Peretz warned that because of their state of near bankruptcy, many of the country's cities and towns could no longer pay their employees or provide the elementary services to residents.

According to Peretz, the local authorities' bad state of financial affairs was not due to mismanagement but solely to inflation and the government's failure to forward funds on time.

Sharon promises use of domestic ships

Jerusalem Post Reporter

All grain, beef and other commodities imported by the government will continue to be carried solely on Israel-flag ships, Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon assured local shipping industry leaders yesterday.

The only exceptions to the policy would be when an Israeli shipping company's prices exceed those of non-Israeli firms by 15 per cent, Sharon said.

Sharon also said the ministry's legal advisers would explore the possibility of requiring organizations and private businesses to use Israeli ships in order to receive import licences.

Some goods sold at discount prices

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Several groups of locally manufactured products are being sold below their maximum allowable sale prices as published by the Industry and Trade Ministry the Israel Consumers Council said yesterday. The discounts range from 10 to 40 per cent.

Among the products are cleaning and insecticide items by Sano Company; syrups, catsup and powdered cold drink bases from Assis; frankfurters and sausages from Soglovek; carpets from Carmel Company; and accommodations at Herzliya's Tadmor Hotel and several hotels in Jerusalem.

The council added that it will ask other businesses to follow this example, and offered to publicize it and thus spur retail sales.

Strassberger unit

The facsimile manuscript of Maimonides' *Mishne Tora*, and the new operating theatre dedicated on Tuesday at Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem, were donated by publisher Bert Strassburger of Frankfurt and his wife, in honour of ther son Robert.

Likud, religious parties meet to strengthen ties

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Likud leaders yesterday strove to strengthen their bond with the religious parties, against a background of increasingly frequent overtures by Labour, apparently with an eye to setting up a narrow coalition without the Likud.

In the first such meeting since the establishment of the national unity government last year, the Likud ministers convened at the offices of Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir yesterday with representatives of Shas, Morasha and Agudat Yisrael.

Complaints by the religious parties about alleged violations of the *status quo* on religious affairs formed the ostensible reason for the meeting. And the Likud ministers did hear a long list of complaints and requests which Shamir promised to take up with Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

But the underlying motive for the meeting was pointed up by the decision to hold such get-togethers more often.

The Likud is more and more sceptical about the implementation of the rotation agreement with Labour, with the party believing that Labour will bring down the government as the scheduled switchover nears.

But greater than the fear of Labour-initiated early elections is the fear that Labour may succeed in setting up an alternative narrow, Labour-led coalition.

There are rumours in both Labour and the Likud of feelers put out by Labour to the religious parties. It is said these parties have been told that concessions can be wrested from Mapam and even from the Citizens Rights Movement, and that a coalition with them should not be ruled out.

Internal friction and divisions in the Likud make the party less attractive to the religious as a powerful alternative, and the fear in the Likud is that a party like Shas no longer categorically rules out partnership with Labour.

In an endeavour to cement the alliance with the religious parties, Likud ministers had to hear out a long list of grievances, which Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz of Shas later said included the operation on the Sabbath of the Canion Ayalon shopping mall, the Haifa cable cars and a number of swimming pools in neighbourhoods which Peretz described as largely populated by Orthodox residents.

"We will not abide by this wholesale desecration of the Sabbath and departure from the *status quo*," the Shas minister said.

Peretz also raised the issue of what he called "that missionary university" set up by the Mormons in Jerusalem. He asked Shamir to act against what he deems attempts to engage in large-scale missionary activities here. Peretz described Shamir as "sympathetic – as any good, warm Jew would be."

SLA claims Syrians behind latest attacks

Jerusalem Post Staff

Sources at headquarters of the South Lebanon Army claim that Syrian intelligence is trying to bring about the collapse of the SLA. They point out that suicide bombers are being sent from the Syrian-controlled Beka'a Valley against SLA targets.

Tuesday's attack with an explosives-laden mule on SLA headquarters in Hasbaya was followed yesterday by a gun and grenade attack on an SLA post in the village of Sajout, in which an SLA soldier was killed.

The gunmen fired light weapons at the SLA position and tossed two grenades at it, critically injuring one of the soldiers manning it. The SLA man died later in the Marjayoun hospital.

However, a senior Israeli defence source played down suggestions that the Syrians were behind the attacks on the SLA.

Describing the situation as grave, the source noted that these attacks were nothing new. While some of them were the work of pro-Syrian Lebanese groups, the bulk of the attacks were initiated by the Shi'ite Amal organization, he said.

Amal had been the most prominent hostile organization prior to the IDF's withdrawal from Lebanon. Now that the IDF had only a limited force in the security zone, the SLA drew most of the fire, he said.

In a difference area of South Lebanon, near the village of Ras Bayada, two rocket-propelled grenades were fired at an SLA roadblock yesterday. No one was injured.

Hostile gunmen have been firing at SLA forces mainly from north of the South Lebanon security zone, but there are occasional attempts to attack the SLA and IDF soldiers from within the zone.

The SLA has been directing heavy fire at the gunmen and maintaining lookouts and ambushes in an attempt to prevent hostile forces, particularly suicide attackers, from entering the zone.

Clashes were reported yesterday between Unifil soldiers from the Nepalese contingent and SLA men, particularly near the village of Ya'atar.

Don't turn out the lights without alerting residents'

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Energy Ministry has warned the Arab-owned East Jerusalem Electric Company to pay more attention to its consumers' needs, such as when it must cut off power to permit repair and maintenance work on its lines.

The warning came in a letter from Ram Haviv, the ministry's deputy director-general for electricity matters, *on orders from Minister Moshe Shahal*.

A ministry spokesman said Shahal acted after "many" residents of the capital's new Jewish suburbs served by the company became enraged, and complained about the shutdown of electricity almost without prior notice on July 23.

Describing the company's action as "improper and entirely unacceptable," Haviv wrote that the electric company waited until the last day before announcing the power suspension, for repairs, with its only formal notice being an obscurely placed advertisement in a single morning newspaper.

In the future, Haviv said, more care must be taken when power is to be cut off. The consumers must be given ample time to prepare for the no-electricity situation and ads must be inserted in several newspapers. Announcements must also be made on the radio and posters must be attached to lamp poles and street bulletin boards.

If a neighbourhood council exists, it must be informed of the impending power shutdown, Haviv added.

Three soldiers get citations

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

OC Northern Command Aluf Ori Orr yesterday presented citations for bravery to three Northern Command soldiers.

Sgan-Aluf Yosef Gez and Segen Ran Tarmi, were cited for their part in an IDF action, details of which remain secret.

Turai Eilon Wertheim received his citation for his part in a clash with the enemy on March 30 in South Lebanon.

Wertheim's squad was on foot patrol near Ansar when they discovered a roadside bomb. The squad attacked the gunmen who had placed the bomb, and during the clash the commander of the squad and another soldier were injured. The group of gunmen was wiped out.

At the end of the attack, Wertheim took command of the squad, arranged for care of the wounded, positioned the soldiers and reported on the incident to his commanders. He was cited for his bravery and leadership ability.

Orr congratulated the soldiers and said: "We still haven't solved the problem of terror, at home or in Lebanon, though Lebanon is quieter now."

Film on Holocaust horrors to be shown in Poland

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS (JTA). – Poland will show both on television and in cinemas the nine-hour film *Sho'a* (Holocaust), which details the horrors of the Holocaust and recalls some of the worst incidents of local collaboration with the Nazis. The screening, first decried by the Warsaw government as "anti-Polish propaganda" was announced last night by the Polish government spokesman Jerzy Urban.

The film's director and producer, Claude Lanzmann, confirmed in Paris that he had reached an agreement with the Polish government.

Lanzmann said that the Polish authorities wanted to show only parts of the film on television, arguing that nine hours is too long. When Lanzmann refused, apparently fearing that some of the scenes decrying Polish collaborators might be cut, Warsaw suggested a shortened version on TV and the full film in one or more cinemas. He said he agreed to this and the film will shortly be screened in the country where the Holocaust took place.

When the film was first screened in France, the Polish embassy formally asked the French government to prevent its screening because of "its serious anti-Polish insinuations."

The film has not yet been shown on French or any other television network in the world.



Stan Getz, the internationally renowned saxophonist, is greeted on his arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday by samba dancers. Getz is to be the guest of the Club Mediterranee in Achziv where he will give a jazz concert. Getz will also play in Jerusalem. (Hanoch Guthmann)

Settlers shift West Bank strategy

Gush plans bigger towns, not more

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Gush Emunim has concluded there are enough small Jewish settlements in the West Bank so it will now try to turn Eli, along the Nablus-Ramallah road, into a full-fledged town.

Eli, which is a fairly new settlement where 15 families live, has been chosen partly because it is on the mountain ridge, where there are no Jewish towns, Gush Emunim secretary-general Daniella Weiss told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The decision to enlarge Eli was taken after Gush leaders concluded their movement must pass from "the stage of spreading out (over the area) to the stage of strengthening its hold over it," she said. In deliberations Gush leaders have held over the past few months they concluded the positioning of settlements is "satisfactory."

They were also aware that the effort made over the past years to settle Jews in the West Bank has attracted only 50,000 Jews and that they are still heavily outnumbered by the nearly 750,000 Arabs. Urban settlement is the answer to this problem because it can attract large numbers of settlers, as has been the case in places such as Ma'aleh Adumim, Ariel, Elkana and Ma'aleh Ephraim, the Gush Emunim leaders believe.

The expansion of Eli is to be followed by the development of Eilon Moreh northeast of Nablus, Bracha south of that city and Kiryat Arba, Weiss said. The Gush is planning a Succot march to culminate in the laying of a cornerstone at Eli.

The Gush does not have the funds to launch the projected town of hundreds of families, but hopes that residents will pay for their own homes and that eventually the government will be forced to provide the necessary services. Experience shows that "in places where Jews build homes, the government paves roads," Weiss said.

Nor are there any concrete plans for employment, but the movement's leaders believe that efficient transportation that would enable residents to reach Tel Aviv or Jerusalem within 45 minutes would help overcome that problem.

Sri Lanka may get Israeli farm know-how

COLOMBO (Lankanews). – Israel is exploring the possibility of exporting arid-zone agricultural expertise to Sri Lanka, an Israeli diplomat said here this week.

Dr. Azriel Karny, the outgoing head of the Israeli interests section at the U.S. Embassy in the Sri Lankan capital, said Israel is also interested in importing bulk tea from the island nation. Sri Lanka currently exports 120,000 tons, or 35 per cent of its annual production, to Arab countries.

The Israeli diplomat confirmed that Sri Lanka's trade ban with Israel, in effect since 1970, was lifted last month. Diplomatic contacts between the two countries were resumed in 1983, with the opening of the Israel interests section at the U.S. Embassy.

A spokesman at the Israel interest section said that three Israeli experts have already completed a pilot study on crop diversification in Sri Lanka's dry zone, particularly in new tracts opened through a multi-million dollar irrigation and settlement programme.

We feel that we can adapt Israeli agricultural methods to Sri Lanka," the spokesman told Lankanews, "and have identified what kind of crops can be grown here." He added that Sri Lanka's dry zone has slightly more rainfall than Israel. Meanwhile, Israel's new diplomateic representative in Colombo is due to arrive next week. He is Haim Divon, who had previously served in the Israeli consulate in Bombay.

The role of Israeli experts and their qualifications has recently been challenged by opposition members of the Sri Lankan parliament. Most vociferous opponents of the Israeli presence are members of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, which was in power when relations were broken in 1970.

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an international conference could have important consequences for Middle East peace and for Israeli relations with the Soviet Union," he said. "Unfortunately, those gaining the upper hand in Israel do not seem to see things that way."

Davydkov, clearly reflecting the official Soviet attitude, rejected the Israeli argument that a lack of diplomatic relations with Moscow precluded the Soviets from participating in such an international conference.

Davydkov, while calling for an Israeli withdrawal from all territories occupied during the 1967 war and for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, went on to insist that the Soviet Union fully supports Israel's right to exist, but is critical of its "aggressive, expansionist policy."

He described as "rumours" the recent reports that the Soviet Union was moving toward a resumption of diplomatic relations with Israel. Still, the upshot of his article was that such ties would be re-established if Israel accepted an international conference.

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toured several sights in the capital.

Talking to Whitehead yesterday, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel is "concerned by recent developments in the diplomatic process. Israel is particularly worried by the possibility that the U.S. would hold talks with a Jordanian-Palestinian team based on the list Jordan gave the U.S., Rabin said.

Rabin's comments were reported by his ministry's spokesman.

Rabin said such talks would legitimize the PLO in the U.S. and thereby block the path to peace.

He also said Jordan had erred when it allowed the PLO to return to Jordan.

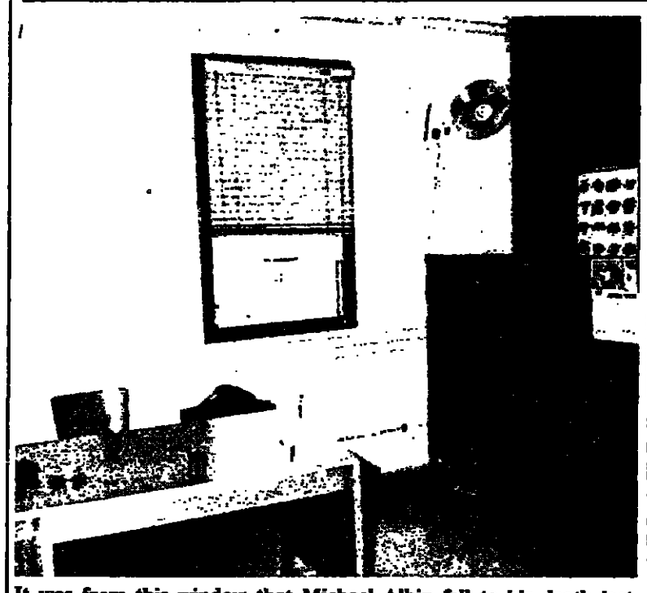
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Two of the prime minister's advisors – Dr. Yosef Ginat who is in charge of dealings with Israeli Arabs and Avraham Burg, who deals with the diaspora also wrote to Navon condemning Hadani's instructions.

Ginat and Burg signed a letter to Navon from the Institute for Education for Co-existence between Jews and Arabs. The Institute categorically rejected Hadani's explanation that his instructions are intended to prevent intermarriage, "which is a very marginal phenomenon in Israeli society and among religious Jews approaches zero. If this is the case why the fuss?"

Other signatories included MK Abdel Wahab Daroushe (Alignment), Beersheba Mayor Eliahu Nawi and Shfaram mayor Ibrahim Nimr H'ssein.



It was from this window that Michael Albin fell to his death last Saturday. The window is open to the maximum possible, less than 50 centimetres. (Isaac Harari)

ALBIN

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inspector of the fraud squad, he was left alone for a few minutes "as part of the investigative technique," said Kraus.

It is standard operating procedure to leave suspects under investigation alone in the interrogation rooms, "as long as there are no indications the suspect might escape or there does not appear to be any danger to the suspect," said Kraus.

At no time did Albin indicate any intention to commit suicide, or to escape, and therefore it had been quite in order for the two detectives questioning him to leave him alone.

The inspector-general said it was impossible to determine whether the financier was trying to kill himself when he fell from the third-floor window.

No disciplinary action is to be taken against the detectives involved, he said.

He said that reported remarks by the deputy commander of the fraud squad, Norman Fait, that "he (Albin) should be watched carefully" were not a reference to Albin's mental state.

"When Albin came into the police station," said Kraus, "one of the detectives, who had never seen the financier except from the papers, commented to another detective that "He doesn't look like a tycoon, he looks like a simpleton." Fait overheard that and told the detectives that "the simpleton" was not a man to take lightly and should be watched.

Kraus was personally angered by newspaper reports and editorials suggesting that the police were out of line in arresting Albin. One afternoon paper yesterday suggested that the police only arrest for interrogation "dangerous criminals."

"Vast amounts of material in the cases" was gathered by the detectives, Kraus said, in three separate investigations into Albin's dealings.

A spokesman for Kraus refused yesterday to confirm or deny the Ata connection, but a source in national headquarters said that "when you have as much material as we have collected, there are bound to be more than only one, two or even three investigations."

The third case the police are still investigating involves the alleged fraud of a company through the illegal transfer of highly valued share options to another company. When the directors of the first company learned of the transfer, they demanded that Albin transfer the options back, which he did at a tremendous loss to the company, Kraus said.

Since Albin's death, the police investigation has been frozen. Albin's death requires an "entire new approach," said police sources, explaining that while there are still avenues open to inquiry, the death of a principal suspect makes the investigation much more difficult.

Savings plans for pensioners' bank shares

Post Economic Reporter

In an effort to convince pensioners not to cash in their bank shares, the Treaury plans to propose three savings schemes to persons willing to reinvest the value of their shares.

According to the arrangement between the banks and the government, pensioners holding bank shares will be entitled to cash them in October. The pensioners' shares are worth some $700 million.

The first two proposed schemes involve the purchase of non-tradable bonds yielding monthly income linked to the dollar or to the consumer price index for five years.

The holders of the bonds will not be repaid the principal at the end of the five years.

Those choosing the first scheme, linked to the dollar, will get 2 per cent of the bond's total value each month. Under the second scheme, income would be 1.85 per cent of the bond's value linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The third alternative involves bonds which can be renewed every six months. Starting from the second day of the year, the bonds would earn interest of 1 per cent higher than yields offered in other dollar or index-linked savings schemes. Bond holders have to decide in advance if they want dollar or CPI linking. Those holding the bonds for five years will be able to choose then if they want to link them to the dollar or to the index.

Memorial ceremony for journalist Moshe Ron

TEL AVIV (Itim). – The accomplishments of Moshe Ron, late secretary of the Daily Newspaper Editors Committee, were recalled yesterday afternoon at a memorial ceremony at Beit Sokolow marking the 30th day since his death.

Present at the ceremony were Education Minister Yitzhak Navon, Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulzin, and a large crowd of journalists, friends and family members.

Navon said Ron had distinguished himself as a man who acted out of a sense of public mission.

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Present system of exemptions 'actually invites misuse'

Customs Authority favours grant for immigrants

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Customs Authority is lobbying for the replacement of customs exemptions for new immigrants with a dollar-linked standing loan and the cancellation of exemptions for Israeli emigrants and emissaries who return.

Customs Director Mordechai Bareket told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the current system "actually invites misuse" and must be replaced by a more equitable and efficient system.

According to Deputy Customs Director Shlomo Barkan, fully 200 of the 1,600 customs employees devote all their time to granting customs exemptions to immigrants, returning emigrants, returning emissaries, the handicapped and other such groups. If the system were changed, these employees could be retrained and sent out to collect taxes due from those who are evading payment.

A state employee who served the government abroad was caught several months ago with an undeclared video tape-recorder and a TV stashed in a refrigerator he brought back along with other household goods he purchased abroad and sent home in a container. According to Barkan, the person was dismissed from the public service and fined.

Over the years, many new immigrants have been exploited by merchants, friends and neighbours who asked them to purchase durable goods, using their immigrant customs privileges for items that they had not intended buying. Commenting on reports that Ethiopian olim have begun to be used for this purpose, the customs officials said they weren't aware of it but that they wouldn't be surprised if it were so. They promised to check it out.

Under the present "abused" system, a new immigrant may bring his household goods into the country in up to three separate shipments from his last country of residence during his first three years in the country, without paying customs duty on them. He may also purchase durables imported from abroad if they are listed as approved by customs. Many olim bought things they had no need for because they didn't want to miss out on their privileges, Barkan said.

Barkan cites two examples: an 80-year-old woman who bought a customs-exempt motorcycle, and a single young man who imported a giant, side-by-side refrigerator.

Three years ago, a committee comprising representatives of the customs, the Treasury, the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry recommended that instead of granting customs exemptions on seven basic household items – from TVs to refrigerators – the immigrant be given a standing loan of some $6,000 to pay customs on whatever he decided to purchase. If the immigrant left within five years, he or his guarantors would have to pay the sum back.

The oleh would still be able to bring in his household goods, including furniture and other personal items, and the customs exemption for a car would continue to exist.

The new system, say the officials, would encourage immigrants to buy Israeli-made products, as they could save money from the standing loan by buying locally produced goods that do not require payment of customs.

Barkan says that the single immigrants, who are discriminated against and allowed to bring fewer goods, would be given the same-sized standing loan, "because a single person has to use the same stove, refrigerator or TV." The new system would also eliminate much of the red tape today faced by olim who must visit a customs office to receive an exemption every time they want to buy a durable household item without paying customs.

According to Bareket, Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur was "very favourable" toward the proposal in initial meetings with him, but that he was "cooler" to the proposal after meeting with heads of immigrant associations.

According to Absorption Ministry officials, Tsur now opposes the new system because "the olim associations are against it." Jewish Agency aliya department chairman Haim Aharon said he opposes the change because "the olim associations are against it, and because olim might spend all the money from the standing loan at once."

But according to Joe Wernik, executive director of the largest and most influencial association, the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, the roof body of olim groups has not yet voiced any official position on the matter. the AACI is still in the process of studying it and, as a result of *The Post's* queries, will ask to hear about it directly from Bareket.

As for returning state emissaries, a senior Foreign Ministry official said recently that if customs benefits were cancelled for diplomats returning from posts abroad, "it would mean the end to my foreign service staff." Barkan dismisses this claim. Emissaries don't have to sell the entire contents of their household and buy new goods abroad, but rather should store their goods here, he said.

As for *yordim* who want to bring back all their household goods without paying tax, customs officials believe that the benefit only encourages Israelis to emigrate by awarding a prize to those who leave.

Barkan revealed that the customs is in the process of obtaining devices that X-ray the unopened contents of whole containers for the country's ports, so that returning Israelis would not be able to smuggle in goods without declaring them. The device was invented in Israel.



An army truck yesterday swerved off the Ramallah-Jerusalem road, running over a parked car and hitting a house. One person was slightly injured in the accident. (Rahamim Israeli)

BYU centre to invite Israel officials

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Brigham Young University President Jeffrey Holland yesterday proposed allowing a representative of the government or some other official body to participate in meetings of the administration of the university's planned centre in order to ensure that no missionary activities are carried out.

The offer came during a meeting between Holland and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. Holland also offered to meet with anyone involved in the continuing protests against the centre, which is under construction on Mt. Scopus, in order to explain the university position.

He also reiterated that BYU prohibits its students from engaging in proselytizing activities while at the Jerusalem extension programme. He added that the university had even forbidden the distribution of literature about the Mormon religion.

Kollek told the president of the Mormon-sponsored institution that although there is freedom of religion here, the Jewish people who had suffered so much could not tolerate further depletion of their ranks through missionary activity.

BYU's lawyer yesterday delivered a copy of the written undertaking by Holland that the centre would not be used for missionary activity to MK Dov Shilansky, head of the Knesset Interior Committee

Aliya official criticizes absorption of olim

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Ten per cent fewer immigrants came to Israel during the first six months of 1985 than during the same period last year, Jewish Agency aliya department chairman Haim Aharon said yesterday.

Aharon criticized the Absorption Ministry for moving slowly in providing permanent housing for immigrants.

Immigration from Eastern Europe dropped by 40 per cent, from Latin America by 25 per cent, from Western Europe by 15 per cent and from North America by 20 per cent, Aharon told a press luncheon here.

Increased emigration from Israel, the economic crisis and reports of surging unemployment, and a decline in funds for absorption programmes were behind the fall in aliya, he said.

Budgets for ministry programmes have not kept up with inflation, Aharon said, explaining that loans for opening new businesses are about $1,000 and new immigrants whose salaries are paid by the ministry get about IS180,000 a month.

There are no housing solutions for single immigrants and many families lack the funds to supplement available mortgages, he said.

"When the absorption minister took office, we offered to provide Jewish Agency funds so mortgages could be raised, but he refused the offer," Aharon said. "Now he has come to us and asked us to do exactly what we had been willing to do a year ago."

Much of the conference was spent answering criticisms made a few days ago by Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur.

"The minister said 50 per cent of western immigrants return to their countries of origin after a short time. I think the number of returnees is actually less, but if his figures are accurate it means that we bring the immigrants – even if not in the numbers we would like – but the Absorption Ministry doesn't succeed in keeping them here," Aharon said. Aharon criticized Tsur's handling of housing for Ethiopian olim, cautioning the minister to "remember that in addition to their being Jews in every respect, they are also people in every respect."

There are about 1,700 immigrant families – about 7,000 persons – from other countries who are housed in absorption centres for more than the six months they are eligible for, Aharon said.

"The ministry started a three-month campaign to move these families out of the absorption centres so Ethiopian families could be moved out of hotels and into absorption centres," he said. "Two months have passed and, because of insufficient and inappropriate housing for the non-Ethiopian families, little progress has been made.

"At the rate it's going, the operation will take four years. Before the ministry cancels contracts with the hotels where the Ethiopian olim now live, they should please offer alternatives," Aharon said.

He added that the Jewish Agency had offered the ministry five absorption centres to serve as permanent housing for Ethiopian families but the ministry refused. As a result, the Agency must continue to pay approximately 50 workers to staff these absorption centres though the residents are long past their six-month absorption period.

On Soviet Jewry, Aharon said the 156 immigrants who came from the USSR in July do not herald a change in Soviet policy. "All the leaked cables and other hints tell us is that we have to continue the pressure to open the gates of the Soviet Union," he said.

Police stations get kit on tourism

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tourists who turn for help to police stations around the country should get more assistance from the duty officer in the future. A Tourism Ministry information kit, listing government tourist offices, Interior Ministry offices, hotels, car rental agencies and travel agencies, has been distributed to the stations. The kit is part of an overall effort to make various public agencies more aware of the importance of tourism to the country.

Refusenik Zelichenok's slander trial opens

By A.E. NORDEN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Refusenik Roald Isaakovich (Alik) Zelichenok is to go on trial today in Leningrad, charged with "slandering the Soviet system" and disseminating "anti-Soviet propaganda," it was learned here yesterday.

Zelichenok, 49, an electrical engineer, first applied for permission to leave for Israel with his wife, Galina Babrina, in 1978. He was refused and has been repeatedly refused permission since then. He was arrested on June 11, 1985, charged under Article 190 of the Soviet criminal code, and placed in Leningrad's Kresty prison.

Article 190 provides for a term of three years at forced labour for those convicted of "producing and distributing information deliberately slandering the Soviet state system" and "anti-Soviet propaganda and agitation," according to Lev Utenski, a friend of Zelichenok who has been in Israel for several years.

Utenski said yesterday the charges are based on letters Zelichenok wrote to him and others that were confiscated by the Soviet censor and handed to the KGB.

When official harassment of Zelichenok started, he assumed it was because of the letters he had written in November and December. The refusenik then wrote to Utenski explaining what he had written in the confiscated letters, which were personal and "contain not a single word about the USSR," Utenski told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"This is an altogether new step for the authorities," Utenski said. "This is the first time since Stalin that the authorities have been openly confiscating mail for political purposes.

"What they want to do is destroy the link between aliya activists and people abroad, especially in Israel," Utenski said.

Zelichenok has conducted Hebrew classes in his apartment and is known as one of the most determined aliya activists in Leningrad. The Soviet authorities failed to break him through threats, and now seem bent on sending him to a prison camp, *The Post* was told.

Zelichenok is one of approximately 700 Soviet Jews holding Israeli passports to back up their requests to emigrate on the grounds of repatriation, Utenski explained.

Zelichenok is suffering from a kidney disease. His friends fear that he may not survive the rigours of forced labour camp.

Zamir to decide on charges in arrest of newsman

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir yesterday received from the State Attorney's office the investigative material in the alleged attack on news photographer Rahamim Israeli by policemen. Zamir is to give his opinion within a few days on what action, if any, should be taken against the policemen involved.

The photographer was arrested last month on the Tel Aviv promenade and afterwards claimed he was beaten, cursed and stepped on. A police internal investigation found that Israeli had been dragged down a set of stairs but not beaten.

The attorney-general is to decide whether the policemen should be charged and whether they should be tried in a civil court or the Police Disciplinary Court. (Itim)

YOUNG EMBEZZLER. – A 17-year-old Haifa boy was arrested yesterday on suspicion of embezzling several million shekels from the company where he worked by misusing the firm's blank cheques.

Unpaid shipyard workers block road

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. – Hundreds of Israel Shipyards workers blocked the main Kiryat Haim Haifa route through the bayside industrial quarter yesterday morning for nearly three hours, causing widespread disruptions to traffic.

The demonstrators, who barricaded the road outside the entrance to the yards with a giant steel girder, trailers and blazing tires, were protesting against the non-payment of their July salaries.

More than 150 police and Border Police equipped with riot gear and water cannon were rushed to the scene to restore order.

The protesters dispersed at about 1 p.m. after Haifa district police chief Ya'acov Haviv warned that the police would use force to clear the road. The equipment was returned to the yards while a police bulldozer removed the blazing debris.

Later in the afternoon shipyard workers invaded the Treasury's offices in Jerusalem and demanded a meeting with Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i. At first he refused, but after a short debate he agreed to meet representatives.

The shipyards have enough orders to keep the plant busy for 12 months but there are problems with cash flow. Management and the works committee have appealed to the government for financial aid to help them overcome the present difficulties.

Employees were due to be paid yesterday but instead received a letter from management informing them that there was no money and no chance of them getting their salaries.

The workers, whose wages were delayed last month for similar reasons, warned that yesterday's disturbances will be followed by other drastic actions unless they get paid.

Unesco official opens lectures on Maimonides

By ILAN CHAIM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An official representative of the director-general of Unesco yesterday gave the opening lecture in a series of sessions marking the 850th anniversary of the birth of Maimonides, at the Ninth World Congress of Jewish Studies at the Hebrew University's Mt. Scopus campus.

Andre Bertels, who in addition to his Unesco duties is a Soviet professor of Iranian and Arabic studies, stressed the depth of Unesco's involvement in the celebration of the Maimonides anniversary.

He noted that in October 1984, Unesco's executive board had unanimously adopted a resolution on the celebration of the Maimonides anniversary. It was submitted by Spain, France, Cuba, Venezuela, Italy, Mexico and Brazil, and seconded by India and Pakistan.

The resolution had recalled "that the ceaseless effort to achieve peace and international understanding is built on active dialogue between cultures, that all civilizations are part of one common heritage and that one of Unesco's major aims is to promote their mutual enrichment."

Maimonides, the resolution noted, "worked at the meeting point of the great civilizations of his time and made an outstanding contribution to the dialogue between cultures."



Andre Bertels

"The important thing about the resolution," Bertels told *The Jerusalem Post* afterward, "is that, for the first time since 1973, Unesco adopted a positive resolution concerning Israeli culture."

He noted further that his visit is the second by a Unesco representative this year. In May, Maria Vulcanesco of the U.S. was sent by the director-general to Jerusalem to participate in the Sixth Philosophical Encounter, also dedicated to Maimonides.

Bertels denied there was any special significance in Unesco sending one representative from the U.S. and another from the Soviet Union. "Actually, I would have come twice, but my wife fell and broke her leg in May, so they had to find a replacement. The Unesco representative could have come from any other country."

Citing the keen international interest in Maimonides's life and work, Bertels pointed out that the Unesco secretariat has scheduled an international roundtable on Maimonides for December at Unesco headquarters in Paris. Participants have been invited from the U.S., USSR, Israel, Egypt, Senegal, Federal Republic of Germany, Spain, Nigeria, Turkey, France, Algeria and Morocco.

In March, Unesco was represented at the inauguration of the Year of Maimonides in Paris and at anniversary events in Spain, Maimonides's birth place. Upcoming events include an international congress next month in Cordoba, the city of Maimonides's birth, and in Morocco, where he also lived.

Bertels said that the importance of Maimonides and his work was emphasized in the meeting of Unesco's executive board. "It was said that Maimonides is a model to be followed in intercultural relations, a man of wisdom and universal importance, giving an example of a dialogue between different cultures which Unesco always wants to promote."

Bertels is happy to foster this dialogue on behalf of Unesco, and particularly to visit Jerusalem. He has been received by President Chaim Herzog and a reception was held in his honour by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

"Maimonides fostered Jewish religious and cultural identity while remaining open-minded, ready to listen to arguments of representatives of other communities and traditions," said Bertels. "This explains his fame and remarkable influence on Judaism, extended also to the larger world. This congress, and the important intercultural relations begun this year, serve the cause of peace all over the world."

New record for tourists in July

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tourism Ministry statistics yesterday showed that 103,100 tourists entered the country last month, an increase of 18 per cent over the sme month in 1984. The number also exceeded the previous record year of 1977, when 101,500 visitors came in July.

July's figures continue the trend established earlier during the year. During the first six months, there were 558,000 visitors, an increase of 26 per cent over the same period last year.

In addition, tourism circles have noted a significant increase in the number of Israelis staying at local hotels and tourist sites, evidently as a result of the high travel tax. Eilat is reported to be jammed with Israelis.

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Riots erupt in Durban over Mxenge's murder

JOHANNESBURG. – Rioting erupted in Durban's black townships yesterday as youths waged street battles with police, erected burning barricades in roads and set alight a school, houses and trucks, witnesses and police said.

The unrest broke a relative calm in Durban that has prevailed there through the past 11 months of rioting elsewhere in the country and left more than 500 blacks dead. Durban is outside the state-of-emergency area proclaimed July 20 in riot-torn areas.

Police headquarters in Pretoria, meanwhile, said the number of activists detained under the sweeping emergency powers had fallen sharply, with the release of 342 more activists since Tuesday against 22 more detentions that cut the number of those still held to 862, down from 1,459 earlier this week.

The trouble in Durban apparently resulted from the assassination last Thursday of Victoria Nonuamezelo Mxenge, a prominent black defence lawyer and activist, widely believed by opposition groups to have been the work of a pro-government death squad. She was shot and bludgeoned to death outside her home in Umlazi township, four years after the similar slaying of her husband.

Residents of Umlazi, south of Durban, yesterday reported some of the worst violence the area has seen in the recent unrest, also linked to protests over the murder of Mxenge.

Residents said youths in Umlazi were clashing with police, who yesterday reported firing teargas and rubber bullets at "hooligans" who stoned cars and built street barricades.

People returning home from work Tuesday night and going to work yesterday were attacked by teenagers who are boycotting school and who say adults should stay away from work, the residents said.

The bus company withdrew its service from the township after only 15 minutes yesterday after one of its drivers was stabbed and critically injured and four others were assaulted.

In the rural Orange Free State town of Brandfort, banned activist Winnie Mandela's house was in a shambles a day after police fired tear-gas inside to drive out demonstrators who took refuge there. Police have arrested 30 people including Princess Khumalo.

Ms. Mandela, wife of jailed African National Congress president Nelson Mandela, was in Soweto, near Johannesurg, at the time. She returned home with her lawyer yesterday morning and took her own children and those of her sister back to Soweto. (AP, Reuter)



U.S. Attorney-General Edwin Meese looks over a haul of marijuana plants uprooted by the authorities yesterday in the Ozark National Forest in Arkansas as he announced the largest drug eradication campaign in U.S. history. At left is drug enforcement special agent Larry Carver who heads the Arkansas programme. (Reuter telephoto)

Terrorist killed by own rocket in Northern Ireland

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland (AP). – A suspected terrorist was killed and another badly injured when a home-made rocket exploded prematurely, police said yesterday.

The device detonated as an armoured police Land Rover passed through the city centre Tuesday night, a police spokesman said. He said a number of shots were fired at the Land Rover at about the same time.

Yesterday morning, a van bomb exploded without warning outside a creamery in Newtownhamilton, in South Armagh near the border with the Irish Republic. There were no reports of injuries but extensive damage was done to nearby businesses and homes, a police spokesman in Belfast said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for either attack. But suspicion fell on the Irish Republican Army, fighting to end British rule in Protestant dominated Northern Ireland and merge the province into the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic Republic of Ireland.

Italy airlifts police to Sicily after Mafia-fighter killed

PALERMO (AP). – The government flew police reinforcements to Sicily yesterday to step up the battle against the Mafia following the killings of a senior police official and his bodyguard.

Officials said Antonino Cassara, 38, chief of the homicide squad in Palermo, and his bodyguard, Roberto D'Antiochia, 23, were hit by more than 100 rounds fired by three Soviet-made AK-47 assault rifles Tuesday. A second bodyguard was wounded.

The officials said that although they had no leads on the actual killers, the AK-47 has been used in the past by Mafia assassins.

Cassara had played a key role in persuading several Mafia bosses to turn state's evidence, including Tommaso Buscetta, whose testimony last year led to the arrest of some 200 suspects.

Two military transport planes flew in about 100 paramilitary carabinieri yesterday morning and more reinforcements were expected over the next few days.



A view of the beach camping site at Camargue in the south of France after a giant wave hit the area on Tuesday. (Reuter telephoto)

Japanese defence chiefs appeal for public support

TOKYO (Reuter). – Japan's defence chiefs, seeking to counter anti-military sentiment, appealed yesterday for support of the armed forces at a time when growing Soviet military power posed a "latent threat" to the nation.

The call, rare in modern Japan, was issued in the annual defence white paper, setting out progress towards the much-delayed goal of enabling the country to defend itself against limited conventional attack, without help.

Recent opinion polls have shown less than 10 per cent of the public believed Japan's defence forces were effective in maintaining security, the white paper noted.

The appeal appeared aimed at countering the anti-militaristic sentiments which have been strong in Japan since its defeat in World War II 40 years ago.

The white paper referred to Soviet deployment in the Far East of advanced MiG-31 Foxhound fighters and completion of a second trans-Siberian railway which would facilitate movement of military supplies into the region.

Defence, the white paper said, should be viewed "as part of the people's will to defend the nation together with the self-defence forces."

It noted the goal set in 1976 of Japan's being able to defend its shores against conventional forces alone had been delayed by constraints on military spending.

Japan limits its military spending to below 1 per cent of its gross national product. The report referred to the limit, but did not specifically call for breaching it.

Egypt's absence to be felt at Casablanca summit

CAIRO (Reuter). – Egypt, shunned by most Arab states for six years for signing a peace treaty with Israel, is displaying official indifference over this week's Arab summit.

But the most populous Arab country appears likely to loom large over the Casablanca meeting of Arab leaders, which opened yesterday despite the absence of President Hosni Mubarak.

Egyptian commentators and foreign diplomats reckon leaders at the summit, the first since 1982, are likely to discuss readmission of Egypt to the Arab fold, informally at least.

"Egypt's absence has debilitated the Arab nation, politically, strategically and economically," wrote Mahfouz el-Ansari, editor of the *Al-Gomhouria*.

"So the proposed Arab summit should face facts and work to restore the image of the Arab nation by reinstating Egypt's leading role."

Government officials made clear, however, that Cairo was not actively seeking readmission to the Arab League or asking any summit participant to do so on its behalf.

"If any decided of its own accord to discuss it, that's its business," one commented.

The officials restated Egypt's hope that the summit would come up with a basis for Arab cooperation and said this was the only important issue at present.

Egypt was drummed out of the Arab League, and all Arab states except Oman, Somalia and Sudan cut ties when it signed the peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

The league, now headquartered in Tunis, was then based in Cairo. Despite Egypt's expulsion, more than 200 League staff, mostly Egyptians, still work in its big office block here.

Some senior Egyptians believe that even if Arab states were to stop ostracizing Egypt, it would be hard for Cairo to rejoin.

"It is not in the interests of Egypt or the Arabs that Egypt should be readmitted to the Arab League," said Mahmoud Riad, the League's last Egyptian secretary-general.

Interviewed by the *al-Ahram*, he cited the Arab boycott of Israel as a problem, saying it would be hypocritical for Egypt to shun the Jewish state after having pledged peace with it.

Egypt, a major U.S. ally, has carved itself a new niche in Arab diplomacy since Jordan restored relations last year.

Mubarak backed King Hussein's accord last February with PLO chief Yasser Arafat on joint efforts to get Middle East peace talks started.

While other Arab states have been slow to follow Hussein's lead, Iraq has intensified contacts with Cairo. Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and most Gulf states maintain links through "interests sections" in non-Arab embassies here.

Jordan and the PLO appear to be the Casablanca summit participants most likely to raise the question of Egypt's rehabilitation.

The main opponents are Syria and Libya, neither of which is expected to attend the meeting organized at the initiative of Morocco's King Hassan.

Originally proposed to discuss the recent fighting in Palestinian camps in Lebanon, the summit is now also due to review the troubled relations within the Arab world.

There are 21 members in the Arab League without Egypt.

Armed man killed near Mugabe's office

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP). – A man armed with an axe and a large hunting knife was shot and killed yesterday in a chase that began in the building that houses Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's office, a government spokesman said.

"He said he wanted to see the prime minister and was asked if he had an appointment. Then he started running around brandishing the knife and was shot dead," said the spokesman.

Eye witnesses said the man was a middle-aged black who appeared to be mentally disturbed.

Security sources said the man was wounded in a chase through corridors of the building, which is also headquarters of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Economic Planning and Development.

He escaped onto a flat roof overlooking a courtyard of the five-storey office block, where he was shot and killed, they said.

India 'keeps options open' on Pakistani nuclear efforts

NEW DELHI (Reuter). – India said yesterday it was closely watching what it said were Pakistan's attempts to make nuclear weapons and was keeping its options open on countermeasures.

"Our capacity and capability should not be under-estimated. We have our capacity but we don't want to display it as some others are doing across the border" Minister of State for External Affairs Khurshed Alam Khan told Parliament during a debate on Pakistani nuclear capability.

In apparent reference to India's underground test of a nuclear device 11 years ago, Khan said New Delhi had shown its capability in 1974 but not done anything further.

He said India remained committed to developing nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.

Khan said the Indian government had definite information that Pakistan was receiving help from some countries for its nuclear programme. He said Islamabad had received 200 tons of uranium and financial assistance from Libya.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi told Parliament last month that he had discussed Pakistan's acquisition of clandestine nuclear technology with President Reagan during a visit to Washington in June.

India has refused to sign the non-proliferation treaty. Gandhi told a New Delhi news conference last month that his government had rejected a Pakistani proposal for mutual inspections of the two countries' nuclear installations.

Minister of State for Science and Technology Shivraj Patil told Parliament India aims at installing 10,000 megawatts of nuclear power generating capacity by the year 2000.

The Press Trust of India quoted Patil as saying India possessed an indigenous nuclear fuel cycle and the capacity to design, operate, fuel and maintain its own nuclear power reactors.

Swedish Aids victim threatens to bite policemen

STOCKHOLM (Reuter). – A Swedish motorist told police he had the killer disease Aids and threatened to bite them unless they let him go, Swedish radio reported yesterday.

It said the man, suspected of drunken driving, refused to take a blood test at a police station after he was stopped last week in a Stockholm suburb.

The 28-year-old man produced a hospital note saying he suffered from Aids (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) and threatened to bite the policemen unless they let him leave.

He was driven home when none of the officers wanted to stay near him and no hospital would admit him.

The radio said he was expected to lose his driver's licence.

Priest sued for disclosure of woman's confession she stole

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuter). – A woman has named her priest in a $5 million lawsuit which claims he violated the sanctity of confession by revealing that she had embezzled from the church.

In the suit filed Tuesday, Sheridan Anne Edwards, 38, alleges that she confessed to rector William Rankin that she had taken $28,000 from the Women's Guild of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Belvedere, California.

He then consulted the church's governing body which turned the case over to police, she said. As a result, she was convicted of embezzlement and is waiting to begin a seven-month jail sentence.

Edwards' lawyer, Patrick McMahon, said the woman paid back the money before her trial and was upset that the priest failed to keep her confession a secret.

McMahon said the lawsuit accuses the rector, along with other church members, of causing emotional distress, fraud, invasion of privacy and negligence.

Edwards said she took the money while working as a volunteer bookkeeper for the guild. She said she turned to the priest for forgiveness.

"He was angry and shouted at me that this was a case of grand larceny and what I needed was a good attorney," she said.

BBC silenced for first time after IRA broadcast banned

LONDON (Reuter). – The BBC external services, which broadcast in English and 36 other languages to an estimated 100 million listeners, was silenced yesterday for the first time in its 53-year history.

Striking broadcasters blacked out news programmes to Britain and the world in protest against a government-requested ban on a British Broadcasting Corporation documentary about Northern Ireland.

The one-day strike affected television and radio broadcasts by the publicly funded BBC, commercial televison programmes and much of local radio.

The dispute was over a decision by the BBC'S board of governors to ban the scheduled showing yesterday of a programme that includes an interview with the alleged chief of staff of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), Martin McGuinness.

The governors' ban, reaffirmed Tuesday, overruled the decision of the BBC'S editorial managers that the broadcast should go ahead, and prompted speculation some might resign.

The broadcasters, whose strike action is backed by the main journalists' organization, the National Union of Journalists, allege the state-appointed governors bowed to pressure from the government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The governors banned the documentary, *At the Edge of the Union* after taking the rare step of viewing it in advance of its broadcast.

The documentary examined the views of extremists on both sides of the sectarian divide in Northern Ireland in interviews with McGuinness and Protestant hardliner Gregory Campbell. Both are elected members of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

In the interviews, McGuinness said that freedom for the Irish people could only be brought about by force of arms, while Campbell states: "You (will) either be killed by the IRA or kill them, and I want to see them dead."

'High and wide' conspiracy said behind Aquino murder

MANILA (Reuter). – A Philippine lawyer said yesterday the murder of opposition leader Benigno Aquino was a "high and wide" conspiracy involving high-ranking military and civilian officials.

Lupino Lazaro, lawyer for the family of Rolando Galman, blamed by the military for the killing, said he had evidence the state-owned Philippine Airlines (PAL) was instructed "to abort the flight the moment it is discovered Aquino is on board."

His claim followed the release in Manila of a U.S. Air Force log book record showing Philippine air force fighters were scrambled about 90 minutes before Aquino arrived at Manila Airport from Taipei.

It said a Philippine major had reported an order to scramble and divert an incoming flight from Hong Kong to an air base north of Manila.

The page was released by the Foreign Ministry which obtained it from the U.S. Embassy.

Eight South Pacific nations create nuclear-free zone

RAROTONGA, Cook Islands (Reuter). – Australia, New Zealand and six small South Pacific island states signed a treaty late Tuesday declaring a nuclear-free zone covering most of the Pacific Ocean south of the equator.

The agreement, dubbed the Treaty of Rarotonga, was agreed and signed on the 40th anniversary of the atom bomb attack on Hiroshima.

It bans ownership, use, stationing or testing of nuclear devices and the dumping of nuclear waste, but allows individual countries to set their own policies on calls by nuclear-capable ships and aircraft.

The treaty was proposed last year by Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke who yesterday called the adoption a "remarkable achievement."

The forum will now ask the five nuclear powers, the U.S., Soviet Union, France, China and Britain, to sign protocols committing them to observe the treaty.

France has a nuclear test site in French Polynesia and is not expected to sign more than one of the protocols, but Hawke and New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange said they are confident of support from the other powers.

Mirage faster than F-16, India says

NEW DELHI (Reuter). – India's French-made Mirage 2000 fighters are faster than Pakistan's F-16s, Parliament was told yesterday.

"The maximum speed of the Mirage 2000 is higher than that of the F-16 aircraft," Defence Minister P.V. Narashima Rao said.

Rao said the Mirage's performance characteristics were comparable to those of the U.S.-made F-15 and F-16 fighters and Soviet-made MiG-29s.

The first seven of 40 advanced Mirage 2000 planes ordered from France arrived in India in June.

New Delhi had expressed frequent concern over the supply of F-16s and other sophisticated U.S. weapons systems to Pakistan, including Hawkeye early warning aircraft.

Sri Lankan auxiliary force to fight Tamil separatists

COLOMBO (Reuter). – Sri Lanka is setting up a 10,000-man auxiliary defence force to help the military in its fight against Tamil separatist guerrillas, President Junius Jayewardene said yesterday.

A defence official said the parliamentary force of 100 officers and 10,000 men would be called out to back up the army when required.

Sri Lanka's regular army has about 20,000 men, according to informed sources, and more are being recruited to the security forces as guerrillas continue their campaign for a separate Tamil state in northern and eastern provinces.

Information Minister Anandatissa de Alwis said that the cabinet granted a total of 18.5 million rupees ($151,600) to raise the new force and fund it for one year.

Meanwhile, representatives of the government, guerrillas and Tamil political leaders were preparing for a second round of peace talks in Bhutan's capital of Thimphu on Monday.

An envoy of Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is due to arrive in Colombo today to try to narrow the differences between the government and the Tamils, who form 13 per cent of Sri Lanka's 15 million population.

Explosives found off Maltese beach

VALLETTA (Reuter). – Maltese authorities believe gelignite discovered on a seabed was put there to sabotage a new breakwater to be built there, officials said yesterday.

The gelignite was found on Tuesday shortly after former prime minister Dom Mintoff and a group of officials of the 2,000-metre project left the area.

The Information Ministry said the gelignite, in about 17 metres of water, would have exploded under the weight of a 5,000-ton block to be placed on the seabed as part of construction. An explosion would have caused considerable damage to the breakwater at Marsaxlokk, about 10 kilometres south of Valletta.

STRIKE. – Nine jailed Solidarity activists have begun a hunger strike to protest against what they called repressive conditions at a prison in central Poland, according to a letter smuggled out of the prison

Woman could be Indonesia's first astronaut

JAKARTA (Reuter). – A woman could become Indonesia's first astronaut after four people were named yesterday as candidates to join the crew of a U.S. space shuttle mission next June.

The U.S. space agency Nasa will evaluate the four and recommend which should join the mission, but Indonesia will make the final decision, Post, Telecommunications and Tourism Minister Ahmad Tahir told reporters.

The woman named was Pratiwi Sudarmono, 33, who has a doctorate in genetic biotechnology and lectures at the Indonesian University.

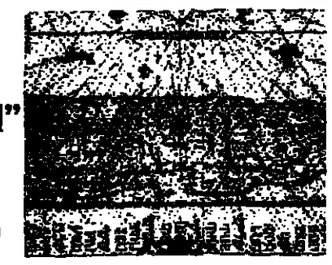
Ne Win re-elected Burma party chief

RANGOON (AP). – The Fifth Congress of the Ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party has re-elected party chairman Ne Win, along with all members of the nation's cabinet, to the central committee.

Also re-elected Monday to the party's 280-member central committee were Burmese President San Yu, Prime Minister Maung Maung Kha and Aye Ko, the party's general-secretary.

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10 killed in guerrilla attack in Turkey

ANKARA (Reuter). – Ten people were killed in a village in eastern Turkey when separatist guerrillas attacked their homes with hand grenades and machine-guns, a Turkish news agency reported yesterday.

If confirmed, the incident would be the worst of its kind since Kurdish guerrillas began a series of attacks last August.

At least 80 guerrillas, 45 troops and 60 civilians have now been killed in incidents involving the rebels.

CULTURAL. – India signed a two-year cultural agreement yesterday with the Soviet-installed Afghanistan government of President Babrak Karmal.

Under the pact, the two countries will exchange academics, artists, journalists, sports teams, films and books.

Shuttle ends with smooth landing

EDWARDS AIRFORCE BASE, California (Reuter). – Space shuttle Challenger, all but forced back to earth when one of its engines shut down on liftoff, landed smoothly in a swirl of desert dust on a dry lakebed Tuesday to end an eight-day, trouble-plagued scientific mission.

The crew of seven, which had won an extra day in space to continue studying the sun, clambered down a set of portable steps in the sunshine and shook hands with ground crew members.

Challenger dropped out of its orbit of 305 kilometres, 80 kilometres lower than intended, and, with less fuel on board than had been originally anticipated, fired small thruster rockets to pull the craft down into the earth's gravity.

With a double sonic boom, heard in Los Angeles 160 kilometres away, it announced its arrival over Edwards Airforce Base in the California desert before it made a sweeping righthand turn and came in to land.

Challenger's mission, the 50th manned flight of the U.S. space programme, had been plagued by mechanical mishaps and delays.

A galaxy of scientific instruments was housed aboard the European-built spacelab, a 10 metre sled-like platform, to study the sun's surface, probe the earth's atmosphere, and search for clues of "black holes" believed to exist in space.

But until the final days, the crew could not persuade a $60 million telescope aiming device to work.

The telescope finally sent back detailed pictures of the sun's surface.

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Beyond behaviourism

Lea Levavi describes a new approach to treatment of autistic children.

WHEN YOU think of an autistic child, you picture a blank facial expression, monotonous and pointless movements and a complete lack of spontaneity. That is a true picture, but Yael Ophir, a movement therapist who has been working with autistic children for the past 10 years in a psychiatric day-care centre at Sheba Hospital, Tel Hashomer, has discovered that it is not the whole truth.

Most of her work over the years has been in individual therapy but she has recently conducted an interesting group experiment in which there was an adult partner for each child. The adults were teachers and day-care workers, and the purpose of the exercise was to teach them techniques which they could use in their future work. At the same time, their participation was therapeutic for the children.

"The instruction I gave the adults was that they should not force their young partners to do anything but should inundate them with stimulation – touching, talking, singing and more. I would instruct the adults to do something, let's say make a certain sound or do a little dance, and after a while the children would respond."

The response was not the kind you would get from a non-autistic child, such as imitation of the adults' activity, but haphazard. For instance, Ophir brought crates of different sizes to one lesson. While the adults manipulated them in various ways according to her instructions, one little girl sat in a crate and then wandered over to another crate, stepped into it, stepped out again and repeated the same action at still another crate. "When I saw her repeat it, I decided to use the opportunity. I took her hand and began walking with her from crate to crate, stepping into it and out of it, and then walking to the next. I brought another 'couple' [adult and child] into the procession and we moved together, singing. The fact that it was being done in a group made it meaningful instead of random."

The rule about not forcing the children was sometimes difficult for the adults. "You wait a long time for feedback from these children and when it finally comes, when you finally reach them, you want to keep on with it. The important thing, though, is the child's interest, not ours, and if the child loses interest – even if we want to continue until the end of the song or for some other therapeutic or educational reason – it's time to stop."

Though the programme was meticulously planned, it produced spontaneity which the children do not normally show. In fact, the same children at play in the yard reverted to their uncommunicative norm. Isn't it frustrating to Ophir that the smiles, whoops of joy and interaction with others which she succeeded in achieving with the group are not carried over into other activities?

"That is a problem in all work with autistic children," she said. "The usual means of teaching them is behaviourist, with rewards for learning there follows specific instruction. The child will learn to sit on a chair but will only do it in the context in which the behaviour was learned. In another room, he will not sit on a chair." She said she does not have the opportunity to follow the progress of the same children over very long periods and does not know whether the type of treatment she offers could lead to achievement on a larger scale if kept up long enough.

In her work with individual children, she tries to develop body awareness and distinction between self and others. One child was able to identify all the members of his family in family photos except for himself, whom he called "little boy." Only after years of treatment did he use his own name when he saw his picture, and even then not in all pictures. In one picture, he was shown climbing the ladders in Ophir's therapy room. He identified the picture as "Yael's ladders" with no mention of himself.

The autistic child's seemingly pointless movements are trying to tell us something, Ophir said, and therapists must learn to read them. They must also utilize the connection which exists between bodily disturbances and behaviour problems, using progress in one to try to affect the other.

"I learned from them that they need very strong stimulation. One child forced me to pinch him. I felt like a very mean person doing it, but I wasn't doing it for sadistic pleasure. I was doing it because it was what the child obviously needed... In another case, a child was sitting like a little Buddha gazing into very strong sunlight which would have forced the rest of us to close our eyes. Only that experience taught him to focus his eyes, and once he could do that, it was easier to reach him."

For those who do not work with autistic children, the achievements seem pitifully small in relation to the effort expended. Ophir, however, doesn't see it that way at all. "Every achievement is as significant as that of a paralysed person getting up and walking. If the person becomes paralysed again an hour later, you have to try to find new ways to break through the paralysis."

She said members of the day-care centre staff, who now use some of her techniques in their own daily work, claim her treatment method made them feel "more human." They find it pleasant to arouse some sort of response in the children, instead of only achieving, at best, obedience to instructions. "I am not in any way knocking the behaviourist approach. It is important and necessary. I'm simply offering something in addition," she said.

She would like to train parents to use her methods, though she realizes it might confuse those who until now have been expected to become behaviourist experts. "I'd like to try working with parents, but nobody has asked me yet," she said.



(Israel Talby)

English summer

Myra Noveck

ONE WOULD think that when summer came around most teachers would not want to be anywhere near a classroom, but 35 American teachers have paid their own way to come to Israel as volunteer teachers of English.

Teachers on Volunteer Service in Israel (Tovs) is in its 12th year, and the participants – many of whom have come for several summers – teach all over Israel. The purpose of the programme says Edna Gordon, a New York City educational counsellor, is to bring weaker students up to the level of the class they will enter in the fall, and also to motivate children to want to study more during the coming year."

The volunteers teach small groups of usually not more than six students per teacher, to allow for special attention. Another advantage of Tovs is that it enables students to hear the accent of native English speakers; most of their regular teachers are not. Gordon says that all the volunteers have many years' experience in education.

Gordon lived here during the mid-Sixties and taught English at the Hebrew University. She continued teaching at the university in the summers even after returning to the U.S. She was watching a news broadcast during the Yom Kippur War, when she recognized among Israeli soldiers on the TV screen a former student of hers. "I came right back," she says and volunteered for whatever work was to be found.

She ended up replacing teachers who were in the reserves. "With what the Israelis were going through, coming to volunteer was nothing."

When she said goodbye, her students wept. "They hadn't realized I was a volunteer. They couldn't understand why I'd come all these miles just to help. I promised them I would come back and that I would bring more teachers. I didn't know how I would do it, but I promised."

Back in New York Gordon was active in the United Federation of Teachers Union and through it advertised the idea. She organized an exchange of educational counsellors for Passover break in 1974 and returned in the summer with 32 volunteer teachers.

All the organizing was done in Gordon's house. "The phone never stopped ringing and I had to get members of my family to man the phone." Later the Ort organization became involved, and today the World Zionist Organization's education and culture department has also taken on sponsorship, and handling tactical details such as air transportation.

The important thing, says Gordon, is for Israelis to see "Americans not just giving money but ourselves. We love Israel and have solidarity with Israel." She quotes Golda Meir who once honoured Tovs: "The teacher is a very special person who helps the child see when his eyes are closed."

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

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Biondi breaks 49 for 100 m.

MISSION VIEJO, California (AP). – Matt Biondi twice lowered the world record in the men's 100-metre freestyle on Tuesday at the Phillips 66-U.S. Swimming Long Course National Championships.

In the finals, Biondi became the first ever to shatter 49 seconds when he swam 48.95.

That performance was an encore to his first record-breaking race in a preliminary, in which he posted 49.24, breaking the world mark of 49.36 set by Rowdy Gaines in 1981.

Mary T. Meagher, who won three gold medals for the United States in last summer's Olympics, just missed setting another world record. She won the 200-m. butterfly in 2:06.09, her best time since she set the world record of 2:05.96 in 1981.

The sports page is edited by Philip Gillon and Yaron Kenan.

Strike off: play ball!

NEW YORK (AP). – A "tentative understanding" has been reached between owners and players in the day-old major league baseball strike, commissioner Peter Ueberroth announced yesterday.

No details were revealed. A spokesman for Ueberroth said a news conference would be held in New York later and neither side would have any comment before then.

The announcement came too late to save one of Wednesday's 12 scheduled major league games. The Cincinnati Reds-San Diego Padres' game in Cincinnati was called off earlier in the day.

The full 13-game slate on Tuesday, the first day of the strike, was wiped out.

The Commissioner last week offered a set of seven proposals to avert baseball's second player walkout in four years, but his suggestions were criticized by both sides.

A union player representative, who asked not to be identified, said the tentative agreement contained:

– No cap on salary arbitration awards.

– An increase in eligibility for salary arbitration from two years' major league service to three. The increase would not take effect during the first two years of the contract.

A $40 m.-a-year contribution from the owners to the players' pension fund, up from $15.5 m. The players originally had asked for $60m. a year.

The union's chief negotiator declined to confirm or deny the announcement by the Commissioner's office.

"Yes, absolutely, positively, baseball is back," said John Sevano of the California Angels' public relations department.



REPACKING. – Ricky Henderson of the New York Yankees emptied his locker of baseball shoes when he was told that the strike was on. Now he has to repack his locker again.

(Reuter telephoto)

Baseball standings

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	G	H	A	GB
New York	62	42	.596	1	0	0	–
St. Louis	61	42	.592	1	1	0	.5
Montreal	59	47	.557	1	1	0	4
Chicago	54	50	.519	1	0	1	8
Philadelphia	49	55	.471	1	1	0	13
Pittsburgh	33	70	.328	1	0	1	28.5
West Division							
Los Angeles	61	43	.587	1	0	1	–
Cincinnati	56	48	.538	1	1	0	5
San Diego	55	51	.519	1	0	1	7
Houston	50	56	.472	1	1	0	12
Atlanta	46	58	.442	1	1	0	15
San Francisco	41	65	.387	1	0	1	21

G – total games lost due to strike
H-A – home and away breakdown of games lost

American League

	W	L	Pct.	G	H	A	GB
Toronto	67	39	.632	1	1	0	–
Detroit	57	47	.548	1	0	1	9
New York	57	47	.548	1	1	0	9
Boston	55	49	.529	1	0	1	11
Baltimore	53	50	.515	1	0	1	12.5
Milwaukee	45	57	.441	1	0	1	20
Cleveland	34	70	.327	1	0	1	32
West Division							
California	61	44	.581	1	1	0	–
Kansas City	55	48	.534	1	1	0	4
Oakland	56	49	.533	1	1	0	5
Chicago	52	50	.510	1	1	0	7.5
Seattle	49	56	.467	1	0	1	12
Minnesota	46	57	.447	1	0	1	14
Texas	40	64	.385	1	1	0	20.5

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Ohana, Shirazi in battle royal

Post Sports Staff

The idea of taking the national soccer team for training in Germany was to build up team spirit in a Paradisial atmosphere, but something went radically wrong with the plan this week.

Eli Ohana and Shlomo Shirazi, Betar Jerusalem team-mates, were playing a friendly game of backgammon when suddenly Ohana threw something at his opponent. Shirazi punched the centre-forward on the nose. Ohana retaliated.

At that stage, Uri Malmillian and Rifat Turk, great midfield players, broke up the attacks from both sides. Each of the warriors was fined $400. Both have sworn to avenge their wrongs when they get back to Jerusalem.

Liverpool appeal

ZURICH (Reuter). – Three lawyers from Switzerland, West Germany and Greece will decide today whether to ease the sanctions imposed on Liverpool and Juventus in the wake of the riot at the European Cup Final in Brussels in which 38 people were killed.

The European Football Union (UEFA) banned Liverpool from its competitions for any three seasons in which it qualifies after an indefinite UEFA ban on all English soccer teams expires.

Liverpool supporters were blamed for the worst of the rioting at the Heysel Stadium in Brussels on May 29, but Juventus fans were also accused of violence, and UEFA ordered the Italian team to play their next two European home games in an empty stadium.

Swiss lawyer Sergio Zorzi will chair UEFA's three-man appeal board which meets in Zurich hotel to consider appeals lodged by both teams against the UEFA sanctions. The other members are Hubert Classen from West Germany and Efstratios Papaefstratiou of Greece, both lawyers.

WHAT'S ON

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JERUSALEM

Museums

ISRAEL MUSEUM. Exhibitions: "From the Depths of the Sea", cargoes of ancient wrecks from Carmel coast (Rockefeller Museum) ◊ Israel Communities, Traditions and Heritage: The life cycle, home, everyday objects and dress of Diaspora communities ◊ Asian Art: Chinese bronzes and ceramics, 1200 BCE – 17th century CE ◊ South-East Asia: Japanese netsuke ◊ Old Masters: 16th-18th century master painters ◊ Promised Gifts: 200 promised bequests, incl. works by Kandinsky, Chagall, Klee and Matisse ◊ Customs and Costumes: East and West ◊ Cave in the Desert: 9,000-year-old finds from Nahal Hemar ◊ From the Secular to the Sacred: everyday objects in Jewish ritual use ◊ Meet an Israeli Artist: Ira Reichwarger, Reut Shahar, Chava Epstein ◊ Painting instruction in the Youth Wing & children's paintings exhibition ◊ Permanent collections of Judaica, Archaeology, Art and Ethnic Art. **Visiting Hours** – Main Museum: 10-5. At 11: Guided tour of Museum in English. 11 and 4: Children's film, "The Crazy Jungle Adventures." 3: Guided tour of Judaica/Heritage galleries in English.

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WHAT'S ON IN HAIFA, dial 04-640840.

Tennis youths venture abroad

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. – Israeli youths open their tennis challenge abroad with a match against West Germany in Cannes tomorrow in the 16th annual Valerio Cup, the boys' 18-and-under European team tennis championship. The Israeli squad is comprised of Gilad Bloom, Amit Noar and Haim Zion, with Shlomo Zoref as coach-manager.

The Israeli team is a strong one, but they have had the bad luck to be drawn in a pool which also includes both Germany and France, two of Europe's top tennis nations.

If Israel can get past these two formidable opponents, they meet either Luxembourg or Ireland – two of the game's minnows – who rather oddly made up the other half of the draw in the weekend's Cannes zonal competition. The winners of the event's four zonal groups go through to the final rounds in Lesa, Italy, in mid-August.

Israel is participating in the Valerio Cup for the seventh consecutive year, with Bloom making his third appearance in the event, but so far their success has been limited. Last summer, they reached the zonal final, before going out to eventual winners Italy. Italy and Sweden have each won the trophy five times, Czechoslovakia and Spain twice each and Germany has won it once.

The Valerio Cup is the only annual junior team championship organized by the European Tennis Association in which Israel is playing this summer, budgetary cuts having forced the local Tennis Association to pull out of some half-dozen youth ETA tournaments in which Israel had become a regular participant.

21 nations at Arab Games

RABAT (Reuter). – King Hassan of Morocco opened the sixth pan-Arab Games in true Olympic style here on Saturday with a parade of the 21 delegations taking part, a fireworks show and a display of calisthenics by 11,000 young Moroccans.

The three-hour night-time ceremony included pantomine horses, children dressed as hawks with outsize boxing gloves, tableaux from Moroccan history, dancing from around the Arab world and precision gymnastics by youths in brightly coloured tracksuits. The accompanying music varied from the inevitable theme tune from the film *Chariots of Fire* through light rock and disco to Arab and Moroccan nationalist songs.

The 21 delegations marched around the track in Rabat's Chinese-built stadium against a backdrop of tents designed to recreate the atmosphere of a Moroccan dignitary's campsite.

The Saudis, in light green jackets over their white jalabiyas, were the largest contingent with over 100 competitors while the Libyans, in baggy trousers and green jerkins, drew the loudest applause from the crowd.

United drop Sinai

LONDON (AP) – Manchester United have decided against signing Israeli International soccer player Moshe Sinai, the London *Times* reported yesterday.

"He could make it in the English league, but we have a number of midfield players and it would be hard for him to break in," United manager Ron Atkinson was quoted as saying.

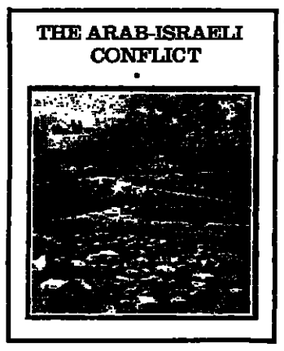
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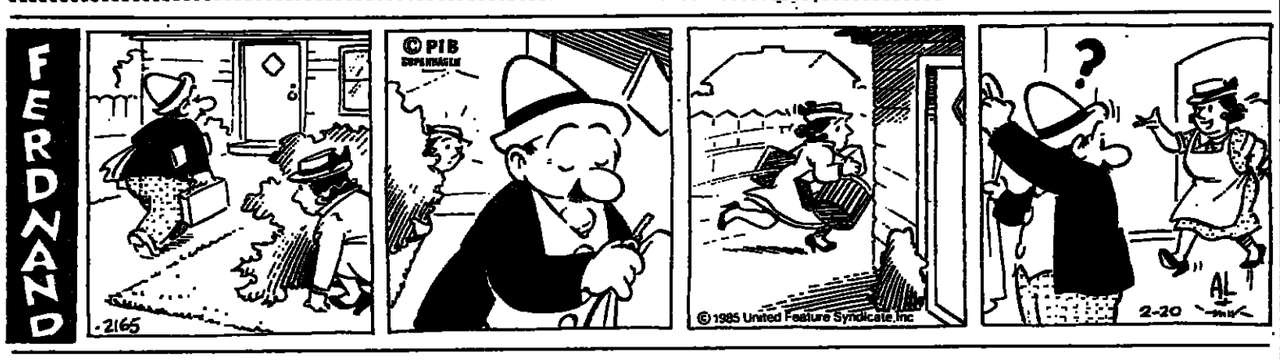
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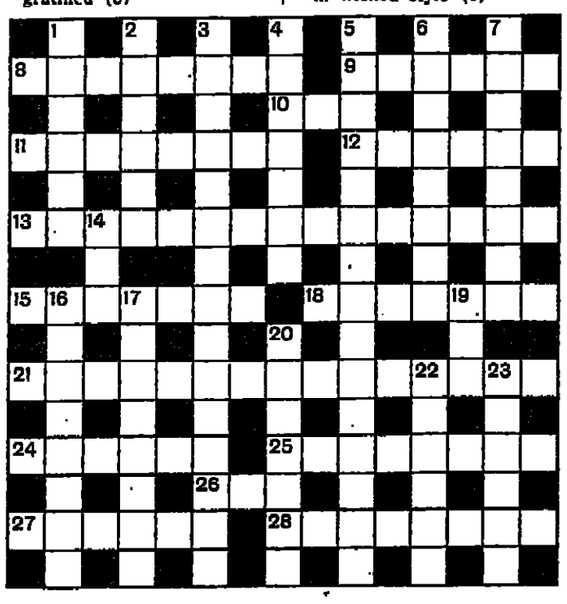
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9 Small measure of no great little drink (6)
10 A Red Cross bridge sparking (3)
11 Revolutionary Corsican spirit (8)
12 The gold leafy part of the major Molucca bean (6)
13 Down payment on one's personal monogram? (7, 8)
15 What the liftman does to raise one's spirits (7)
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21 He may help to clear litter from the battlefield (9, 6)
24 Carbolic disinfectant left on messed-up phone (6)
25 Northern territory I found in atlas, though it's supposed to be at the bottom of the sea (8)
26 A starting price proving deadly when forked out (3)
27 The sort of chap Cato was pouring scorn about small point (6)
28 After Saturday I can be gratified (8)

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1 Wandering Nomad I introduced into estate (6)
2 Squeeze the last drop from the old sot? (3, 3)
3 Supply all the details—inform, if you must! (4, 11)
4 Infamously marked with a name for trading in (7)
5 A lack of disposition to get on well (15)
6 Being mad about No. 1 (8)
7 Nominated form for business accounts (8)
14 Hard water for the Scotch? (3)
16 It opens the door to empty houses for such children (8)
17 Strangely, I've seen North from Strauss's city (8)
19 Neither Reagan's shown up (3)
20 Slip back into sickening ways (7)
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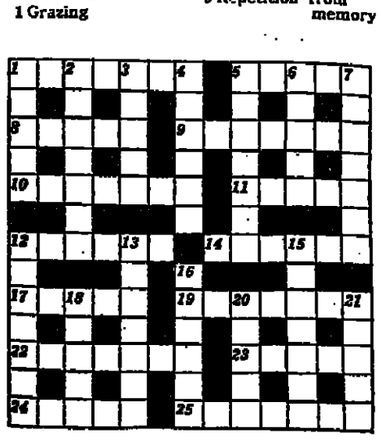
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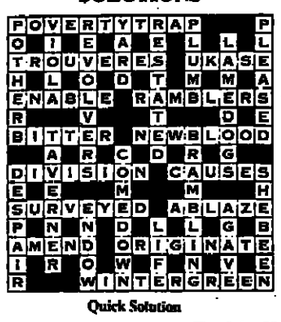
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ACROSS: 7 Turner, 8 Handel, 10 Respect, 11 Locum, 12 Lido, 13 Teach, 17 Suite, 18 Bill, 22 Cover, 23 Onerous, 24 Manner, 25 Lustre. **DOWN:** 1 Startle, 2 Crusade, 3 Jewel, 4 Wariock, 5 Edict, 6 Climb, 9 Attention, 14 Quarter, 15 Riposte, 16 Blessed, 19 Scamp, 20 Evens, 21 Demur.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
9.00 Rehov Sumsum 9.30 Tom Grattan's War (part 15) 9.55 Mystery Island10.40 Cliff Richard in London 15.00 Those Were the Days 15.30 Rainbow 16.00 This Is It 17.00 A New Evening – live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Two Together – TV game
18.00 The Pink Panther – cartoons
ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Kid's Club
19.00 Meeting – current affairs
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Sports
21.00 Mabat Newsreel
21.30 Human Brain. Part 6 of a 7-part BBC documentary series: Fear
22.20 The Jewel in the Crown. Final episode of a 14-part serial based on Paul Scott's book about India in the final years of British rule. Starring Geraldine James and Judy Parfitt: The Division of the Spoils
23.10 Benny Hill – comedy series
23.30 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial): 17.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 No Place like Home 21.10 Finder of Lost Loves 22.00 News in English 22.20 Murder She Wrote
MIDDLE EAST TV (From T.A. north): 13.00 Westbrook Hospital 13.30 Another Life 14.00 700 Club 14.30 Shape-Up 15.00 Afternoon Movie 16.30 Spiderman 17.00 Inspector Gadget 17.30 Flying House 18.00 Lucy 18.30 WKRP 19.00 News 20.00 Hardcastle & McCormick 21.00 Another Life 21.30 Sixty Minutes 22.30 Paper Chase 23.18 700 Club 23.45 News Update

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music

6.02 Morning Melodies
7.07 Berlioz: March from Les Troyanes (Beecham); Kozlovsky: Deborah, overture; Massenet: 3 Dances from Le Cid
7.30 Bentz: Suite; Jollivet: Arioso barocco; Schubert: Der Hirt auf dem Felsen (Rita Streich); Janacek: Idyll; Enescu: Aria; Tansman: Sonatina; Scarlatti: Flute Concerto; Delius: Sonata No.2 (Menuhin); Kamlinski: Symphonic Overture (IPO, Mehta); Bernstein: Maria (Jan Peerce); Albeniz: Navarra
9.30 Frey: English Suite; Telemann: Concerto for Oboe d'amore (Holliger); Schoenberg: Transfigured Night; Mozart: 2 Concertante Arias (Peter Schreier); Ravel: Introduction and Allegro (Watkins, harp); Punto: Horn Concerto No.10 (Tuckwell); Rubbra: Sinfonia da Camera
12.05 Daniel Binyamini, viola; Milka Lachs, piano – Shostakovich: Viola Sonata; Brahms: Sonata in F minor, Op.120
13.00 Vivaldi: Cello Concerto (Rostropovich); Beethoven: Piano Sonata, Op.9 (Arrau); Brahms: Serenade No.1 (Boult); Scriabin: Fantasy for Piano and Orchestra; Respighi: Fountains of Rome (New Philharmonia, Munch); Chopin: Nocturne (Ilan Rogoff)
15.05 Meeting with Musicians
16.00 Emilie Berendsen, mezzo-soprano; David Bloch, piano – Handel: 2 Arias; Faure; Stravinsky; Ravel: Vocalises; Schubert: Songs; Stephan Wolpe: 4 Hebrew Songs; Arthur Gelbrun: 4 Songs; Franck: 3 Songs
17.30 Schumann: Symphony No.4 (Vienna, Mehta); Mozart: Piano Concerto in F major, K.459 (Eschenbach, Hamburg); Bach: Cantata No.66 (Leonard); Beethoven: Trio, Op.1, No.2 (Beaux Arts); Copland: Appalachian Spring (London, Suesskind)
20.05 Dowland: Madrigals and Dances (Alfred Deller, Robert Spender, Consort of Six)
20.30 Bach: Cantata No.205; Beethoven: Piano Concerto No.1 (Ashkenazy, Vienna, Mehta); Berlioz: Love Scene from Romeo and Juliet (Japanese Radio); Barber: Concerto, Capricorn
23.00 Arthur Rubinstein in Chamber Music and Solo – Brahms: Cello Sonata No.1 (with Gregor Piatigorsky); Brahms: Trio, Op.8 (with Jascha Heifetz and Emmanuel Feuermann)

First Programme

6.03 Programmes for Olim
7.30 Morning Concert
9.30 Encounter – live family magazine
10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
11.10 Hebrew songs
11.30 Education for all
12.05 Oriental songs
13.00 News in English
13.30 News in French
14.06 Children's programmes
15.30 Speaker's Podium
15.53 Notes on a New Book
16.05 Middle East Crossroads
17.20 Everyman's University
18.06 Jewish Traditions
18.47 Bible Reading
19.05 Lesson in *Tania*
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.05 Every man has a Star – with astrologist Ilan Pecker

Second Programme

6.12 Gymnastics
6.30 Editorial Review
6.53 Green Light – drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning – news magazine
8.05 Puss in Sandals
9.05 House Call – with Rivka Michaeli
10.10 All Shades of the Network
12.10 Open Line – news and music
13.00 Midday – news commentary, music
14.06 Matters of Interest
15.05 Magic Moments
16.10 Safe Journey
17.10 Economics Magazine
18.06 Any Questions?
18.51 Today in Sport
19.05 Today – radio newsreel
19.35 Hebrew songs
20.05 Roots – folklore magazine
21.15 Sephardi songs
22.05 Yiddish songs
23.03 Between Ourselves

Army

6.10 Morning Sounds
7.07 "707" – with Alex Anski
8.05 Morning Newsreel
9.05 Right Now – with Rafi Reshef
11.05 The Old Days – with Orly Yaniv
13.15 Israeli Style – with Eli Yisraeli
15.05 What's Doing – with Erez Tal
16.05 Four in the Afternoon
17.05 Evening Newsreel
18.05 Economics Magazine
19.05 Radio Radio – with Yoav Kutner
20.05 Israeli Rock
21.00 Mabat – TV Newsreel
21.30 Songs
22.05 Popular songs
23.05 Rondo – with Hanoch Ron
00.05 Night Birds – songs, chat

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4.30, 7.30, 9.30
Eden: Rappin (Breakdance III); **Edison:** View to a Kill 4, 6.45, 9.30; **Habima:** Rambo 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Missing in Action 10.30 a.m.; **Kfar:** Desperately Seeking Susan; **Mitchell:** The Mask 7.15, 9.30; **Orgil:** Baby, Secret of the Last Legend 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Orna:** Police Academy II; **Ron:** Emerald Forest; **Semadar:** Amadeus 6.30, 9.15; **Binyenei Ha'uma:** The Witness 7.15, 9.30; **Cinema One:** Dune 7.30; Blazing Saddles 10 p.m.; Double feature/1 ticket: Superman III 3.30, Thunderball 5.15; **Beit Agron:** Prince and the Pauper 10 a.m.; Chitty Chitty Bang Bang 11.30; Gone with the Wind 4; Metropolis 7.45; Alien 9.30; Blazing Saddles 12 midnight; **Cinematheque:** The Outcasts 7; The Silence 9 (small hall); Vivement Dimanche 9.30; Poltergeist 12 midnight; **Israel Museum:** Crazy Jungle Adventures 11, 4.

TEL AVIV 5, 7.30, 9.30
Allenby: Baby, Secret of the Last Legend; **Beit Leissin:** Rumble Fish 11.30 p.m.; **Ben-Yehuda:** Breakfast Club; **Chen 1:** Police Academy II, 6, 7.55, 9.55; Snow White 11, 2, 4.10; **Chen 2:** Fantasia 11, 2, 4.30, 7.35, 9.45; **Chen 3:** Snow White 6.15, 8.15; Life of Brian 10.05 p.m.; Golden Seal 11, 2, 4.30; **Chen 4:** Camila 7.40, 9.45; Alice in Wonderland 11, 2, 4.30, 6; **Chen 5:** Protocol 9.45 p.m.; Hasamba 11, 2, 4.30, 6.05, 7.40; **Cinema One:** Missing in Action II; **Cinema Two:** Falling in Love; **Dekel:** Tosca 7, 9.30; **Drive-In:** Corsican Brothers 10 p.m.; Last Unicorn 8; Sex film 12 midnight; **Esther:** Rappin; **Gat:** Emerald Forest 5, 7.25, 9.45; **Gordon:** Kaos 4.15, 7, 9.45; **Hod:** Rambo 4.45, 7.15, 9.30; **Lev I:** Amadeus 3.30, 6.30, 9.30; **Lev II:** El Norte 1.45, 5, 7.30, 9.40; **Llenor Hamehudash:** Desperately Seeking Susan; **Maxim:** Up Your Anchor; **Mograbi:** Last Dragon 5, 7.30, 9.30; Return of the Jedi 11 a.m.; Orly: Witness 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Paris:** Hotel New Hampshire 7.30, 9.30; Watership Down 12, 2, 4; **Peer:** Never Ending Story 3.30, 5.30, 7.30; **Shahaf:** The Mask 4, 7, 9.30; **Studio:** Lady Hawke 11, 5, 7.15, 9.30; **Tamuz Hamehudash:** Don't Look Now 7.45, 9.45; **Tchelet:** The Killing Fields 6.45, 9.30; **Tel Aviv:** View to a Kill 4.15, 7, 9.30; **Tel Aviv Museum:** A Nos Amours 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Zafon:** Passage to India 6.15, 9.30; **The Israel Experience:** American Werewolf in London 10.45 p.m.; Israel Experience (English) 6, 8, 9; (French) 7

HAIFA 4.30, 7, 9.15
Amphitheatre: Golden Seal; **Armon:** Baby, Secret of the Last Legend; **Atzmon:** Rambo; **Chen:** Police Academy II 7, 9.15; **Keren Or Hamehudash:** Hotel New Hampshire 7.15, 9.15; **Morlah:** Anne 11 a.m.; Wizard of Oz 4; Planet of the Apes 5.30; Falling in Love 7.30; Witness 9.30; Tootsie, Thur. midnight; **Orah:** Never Ending Story; **Orly:** The Killing Fields 6.30, 9.15; **Pilby 11, 5; Peer:** Emerald Forest 4.30, 6.15, 9.15; **Ron:** The Mask 4, 6.45, 9; **Shavit:** That's Dancing 7, 9; **Cinema One:** Sunday in the Country 7.15; **Erendira** 9.15

RAMAT GAN
Armon: Last Dragon 7.30, 9.30; Famous Five 5; **Lily:** Never Ending Story 4.30, 6.30, 8.30; **Oasis:** Emerald Forest 5, 7.25, 9.45; **Orden:** Children's War 4.30; **Ramat Gan:** Cotton Club 7, 9.30; **Rav-Gan 1:** Police Academy II, 11, 3, 5.20; Fantasia (Sun. 5.20 only); **Rav-Gan 2:** Camila 7.45, 9.50; Golden Seal, Sun. 5.45; Mon.-Thur. 11, 3, 5.20; **Rav-Gan 3:** Fantasia 7.40; The Killing Fields 9.45 p.m.; Snow White 11, 3.15, 5.15; **Rav-Gan 4:** Passage to India 6.30, 9.30; Hasamba, Sun. 5; Mon.-Thur. 11, 3.10, 5

HERZLIYA
David: Harry and Son 7.30, 9.30; **Alice:** Alice in Wonderland 11, 5; **Hechal:** View to a Kill 5, 7.15, 9.30; **Tiferet:** Last Dragon 7.30, 9.30; Daniel Hotel Auditorium: Terms of Endearment 7.15, 9.30

HOLON
Migdal: You're in the Army Girls 7.40, 9.40; Snow White 4.30, 6; **Savoy:** View to a Kill 4.45, 7.15, 9.30

BAT YAM
Atzmon: View to a Kill 4.45, 7.15, 9.30

Democratic labour scheme increases productivity

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. – An innovative labour programme which is said to boost productivity while increasing job satisfaction for workers is gradually being introduced in Israeli companies, Dov Roth, head of the Amit industrial engineering and management consultants firm told reporters yesterday.

Roth said the social-technological system has already been successfully applied by at least three firms and that several more, including the Oil Refineries Ashdod plant, are interested in the scheme.

The programmed breaks down traditional management-worker structures by giving employees decision-making responsibility in day-to-day activities.

Under the system, teams of workers are set up and act as autonomous groups with their own elected leader. The teams are trained in multiple skills and their roles are interchanged to take the drudgery out of production line work.

The work groups are encouraged to discuss all problems, find their own solutions, and take more interest in the overall running of their firm.

The three Israeli companies which have implemented this system – the avocado packaging plant of the Granot firm in Hadera, Off Hagalil and Milalei Haplada (steel mills) in Kiryat Gat – have all reported higher productivity with a reduced workforce, improved management-worker relations, a reduction in manpower turnover and far less absenteeism.

Roth, whose company is promoting this system, said that several other firms, especially in the chemical and petrochemical industry, have expressed an interest in the scheme. They include Periclass Chemical, Tirkavot Bromide Works and Gadot Petrochemicals.

A pilot scheme has been in operation at one plant in the Ashdod Oil Refineries for two years and there are now plans to extend it throughout the complex, said Roth.

"I firmly believe that in the present economic climate the introduction of this system could go a long way to easing many of Israel's problems. It will not only make Israeli firms more competitive, but will also encourage people to move from the public sector into industry," he added.

Dr. Norman Halpern, an international expert on the socio-tech system, is assisting Amit to introduce the programme in the chemical and petrochemical industry here.

Now: a beer concentrate; add six parts soda water

STRASBOURG (AP). – Fischer, the third-largest brewery in France, has come up with a new product that it hopes will put some fizz back into the stagnating beer market – a beer concentrate.

The tawny, thick liquid is the latest product to emerge from Fischer's laboratory. When mixed with six parts of carbonated water, the reconstituted beer is indistinguishable from real suds even to experts, Fischer president Michel Debus said.

Debus said it took the company 30 years to develop a method of removing water from beer without sacrificing its original flavour and fragrance.

After trying evaporation and freeze-drying, Fischer finally settled on a process called inverted osmosis. In a high-pressure vat, the beer is forced through a molecular sieve which separates water and alcohol from the brew.

A similar process is used in some Arab countries to desalinate sea water.

Fischer has patented the process, but has added a secret technique to preserve the beer's taste.

"If you tried to dehydrate beer by inverted osmosis," Debus said, "you would end up with sweet water."

Beer concentrate is the dream of brewers all over the world, Debus said, because "increasing capacity means building new, costly breweries." With the concentrate, "one plant can supply bottlers anywhere on earth."

Fischer has sent samples of the concentrate to dozens of countries, offering an array of brands and flavors: sweet for the United States, bitter for Japan, non-alcoholic for Moslem countries, regular and light.

The initial response was very encouraging, Debus said. Fischer hopes to sign its first big contract next month for the distribution of reconstituted beer in Japan and is negotiating deals with West German and Swiss firms.

Debus said Fischer is likely to do most business with countries in the Far East and North Africa, where brewing beer is either impractical or not well established.

The concentrate will be sold to bottling companies, not directly to consumers. Bottlers will be required to use water specified by Fischer but may add alcohol and choose the trade name of the final product.

Debus said that with the concentrate, Fischer hopes to corner 2% of the 26-billion-gallon world beer market.

Free shares rise along wide front

The "free shares" made a complete and vigorous about-face yesterday, rising along a broad front, dragging the "arrangement shares" with them. Although the index-linked bonds showed signs of improvement, they failed to keep pace with the free shares. Dollar-linked bonds such as Rimon and Gilboa turned in a credible performance.

Financial circles believe that yesterday's performance is not a technical reaction to the falling prices, often heavily especially among index-linked bonds, but is due to two main factors coming together. The first is that in the preceding day's trading a new plateau had been reached, and the second is the announcements that interest rates will be cut within the near future by 3% and perhaps by as much as 4%.

"This created a mad rush to get out of shekel deposits into a better investment," one broker said yesterday. "And the faster one makes the move, the better off he apparently will be, for if he gets on the ground floor of rising prices he will certainly get out slightly before prices reach their peak."

He believed that prices of the free shares would continue to rise today, but he was unwilling to make any prediction about tomorrow, except that "some profit taking should be in the offing within the next few days."

At any rate, the index of the "arrangement" shares rose by 1.40%, with nearly all "arrangement" shares rising. As for the "free shares," the best show was put up by the investment companies, whose index rose by 4.61%. But as always, there were wide variations: for example, Export Investment, Landeco, and Magor rose by 10%, while Piryon (association with the late Mickey Albin) fell by 1.9%. And what are considered two of the most solid investment companies, I.D.B. Development and Discount Investment, rose by 5.9% and 4.4% respectively.

"Solid" shares, such as Elron, Dead Sea, etc., all put in a good performance.

Oil Exploration were mixed, but M.G.N. and North American IS5 and Naftha were buyers only.

MARKET COMMENT

By MACABEE DEAN

OIL. – The Indian government yesterday announced a major strike of oil and natural gas at a well in southern India. Petroleum minister Nawal Kishore Sharma told parliament the discovery was made at an exploratory well in the Cauvery basin of the southernmost state of Tamil Nadu.

QATAR. – The U.S. Bechtel Corporation has won a $1.1 million contract to prepare basic engineering designs for the first phase development of Qatar's huge north gas field.

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices

General Share Index	262.25	+1.80%
Non-Bank Index	310.01	+2.56%
Arrangement	242.65	+1.40%
Real Estate	312.29	+2.24%
Industrials	342.53	+2.62%
Investment Cos.	291.18	+4.61%
Oil Exploration	408.08	+2.34%

Turnovers:

Shares – total	IS4367.9m.	(IS4986.7m.)
"Arrangement"	IS1568.7m.	(IS1718.5m.)
Non-bank	IS2799.2m.	(IS3090m.)
Bonds – Total	IS3977.4m.	(IS4670m.)
Index-linked	IS2486m.	(IS2334m.)
Dollar-linked	IS2490.7m.	(IS2335m.)
Treasury Bills	IS5143.7m.	(IS9165.5m.)

Movements:

Advances	239	(140)
of which 5% +	98	(48)
"buyers only"	28	(19)
Declines	79	(161)
of which 5%–	22	(48)
"sellers only"	5	(48)
Unchanged	113	(124)
Trading Halt	39	(25)

"Arrangement" yields:

IDB reg.	17.88%
Union 0.1	17.92%
Discount A	17.88%
Mizrahi r.	17.30%
Hapoalim r.	17.43%
General A	17.43%
Leumi IS100	17.22%
Fin. Trade IS1	15.64%

Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked	
4% fully-linked	Fluctuations to 2%
3% fully-linked	Rises to 2%
4.25% fully-linked	Rises to 0.5%
80% linked	Falls to 5.5% and rises to 0.5%
90% linked	Rises to 3.5%
Double-linked	Falls to 5.5%
Dollar-linked	
Admon	Rises to 0.4%
Rimon	Rises to 2.5%
Gilboa	Rises to 3%
For. Curr. denominated	Fluctuations to 3%
Treasury Bills	From 6.79% to 9.08%

Teri – unique microcomputer planned and built in Israel

By YITZHAK OKED

TEL AVIV. – A local firm yesterday unveiled at Beit Sokolov here a microcomputer that was built, planned, and designed in Israel.

The company, Israel Strategic Computers (ISC), whose offices are in Jerusalem and whose plant is in nearby Ma'ale Adumim, is an affiliate of MLL Computers Ltd.

The 16-Bit microcomputer, called Teri, uses the Intel 8086 chip and is IBM software compatible. ISC general manager and Teri designer Adek Apfelbaum told newsmen that there was great interest in this unique microcomputer, and at present they are capable of manufacturing at their plant and with the aid of subcontractors about 4,000 units a year, most of them going to export markets.

Apfelbaum revealed that negotiations are now going on with the General Electric Trading Company, which is interested in distribution rights abroad. He added that till now over $300,000 had been invested in Research and Development and another $200,000 in tooling.

Amiram Shore, President of MLL Software and Computers Industries, said that both the Israeli and world markets are full of microcomputers, and it seemed as though there was no need for a new computer in this field.

"What Apfelbaum has done here is to design a new computer which is internally and externally better, nicer looking and most important functionally.

"We did market research to learn what clients consider the ideal computer, and we tried in Teri to achieve this at the lowest price possible.

Most users complained about the many wires that come out of the computer. Teri is nearly wireless.

The users complained about lack of security in most of the computers of this size. Teri was therefore designed so that it can only be activated with a special security card and only after the user punches a special code number something like the automated teller machines outside many banks. "Many users wanted a log book of hours, dates, activities, and names of those using the computer. All this is integrated in the new computer," Shore said.

Apfelbaum said that like many other computer manufacturers, including IBM, ISC purchases some components from other countries. He said that over 50 per cent of the components of Teri are made in Israel.

The unit will be selling in Israel for $3,590. It has a 256K memory that can be expanded to 768. It also has a built-in printer – dot matrix (130 cps) – with an 80-character 12-inch, built-in screen.

Among the options are modem and telex capabilities, a remote monitor keyboard making the Teri accessible from several stations.

70% of mutual funds beat the index since January

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Seventy per cent of the 115 mutual funds beat the cost-of-living index in the first seven months of the current year, according to Meitav, the financial consultancy firm.

Meitav bases its calculations on a rise in the index of 141.3% in these seven months (which includes an estimated 23% hike for the month of July – whose index will be published only on August 15).

Of the 115 mutual funds, 51 turned in yields of more than 200%, while 36 had yields of between 141.3% and 200%.

On the other hand, 64 funds did not even keep pace with the index. Of these, 41 produced yields of 120% to 141.3%, and 23 had yields of less than 120%.

During these seven months, the best performance went to funds specializing in shares, the index of these funds rising by 238%; funds specializing in foreign currency and index-linked bonds rose by only 130.8% and 128.4% respectively.

"Flexible" funds rose by 157.9%.

All returns for the first seven months were greatly influenced by the introduction of the emergency economic plan in July.

The average index of all funds rose by 19.5% in July, with those specializing in shares soaring by 64.3%, those specializing in foreign currency rising by only 12.5% (due to the virtual freeze in the exchange rate following the one-time large devaluation); and those funds specializing in index-linked bonds rising by 18.5%.

About half of all funds turned in favourable yields in July.

The shekel was devalued in relation to the dollar by 16.9% in July.

Record trade deficit for U.S. merchandise

WASHINGTON. – The U.S. merchandise trade deficit hit a record $33.4 billion in the April-June quarter, the Commerce Department said yesterday.

The report covered trade on a balance-of-payments basis, which includes military trade and costs of shipping and insurance.

The worsening trade deficit has spurred some members of Congress to seek protectionist measures.

Much criticism has been levelled at Japan, which enjoyed a trade surplus of $12.2 billion with the U.S. in the most recent quarter.

The Commerce Department said that the further deterioration came from declining exports of virtually all types of goods and in part stemmed from a sharp rise in oil imports.

The report confirms figures released last week showing an even deeper deficit of $37.9 billion for the quarter when military sales as well as costs of shipping and insurance and some other items are included.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldridge, commenting on the report, called for Congress to do more to cut the deficit as a way of bringing down the value of the dollar.

"Recent declines in the value of the dollar will help improve the trade balance only in the longer term because buying patterns respond slowly to shifts in exchange rates," Baldrige said in a statement.

(Reuters AP)

Bank of Israel exchange rates

August 7, 1985	IS
U.S. dollar	1480.3
British sterling	1965.8
German mark	517.45
French franc	169.71
Dutch guilder	459.83
Swiss franc	627.71
Swedish krona	174.82
Norwegian krone	175.96
Danish krone	143.54
Finnish mark	243.93
Canadian dollar	1089.4
Australian dollar	1038.9
South African rand	662.88
Belgian franc (10)	254.89
Austrian schilling (10)	736.28
Italian lire (1000)	776.75
Japanese yen (100)	619.44
Irish pound	1616.5
Spanish peseta (100)	884.55
Jordanian dinar	3745.2
Lebanese lira	88.380
Egyptian pound	1014.0

FOREIGN CURRENCY

7.8.85

INTERBANK SPOT RATES:

US$	1.3300/1.3320	per £
DM	2.8585/2.8595	per $
Dutch G	3.2190/3.2210	per $
Swiss FR	2.3570/2.3585	per $
Belgian Con	57.58/57.60	per $
French FR	8.7100/8.7150	per $
Italian Lire	1902.00/1903.00	per $
Yen	238.55/238.70	per $
US$	1.0230/1.0235	per SDR

GOLD: $320.65

FORWARD RATES:

	$/£	SW.FR./$	DM/$
1 mon:	1.3255/77	2.3496/17	2.8503/18
3 mon:	1.3183/06	2.3357/78	2.8336/51
6 mos:	1.3105/30	2.3150/80	2.8101/21

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Transport	678.48	–2.93
Utilities	153.10	–1.29
Volume	99,992,000	

D.J. LIST

Alcoa	34¼	+¼
Allied Chem.	44⅜	–⅜
Amer Brand	61⅜	–⅛
Amer Can	57½	+⅜
Amer Exp	43	–½
Amer T & T	21	+⅛
Beth Steel	16¾	–⅜
Du Pont	59¼	–⅛
East Kodak	45	+⅛
Exxon	50½	1⅛
Gen Elect.	62½	–½
Gen Food	75⅞	+1
Gen Motors	70	+½
Goodyear	28⅜	–⅛
Intl Bus	129⅜	n.c.
Intl Harv.	9¼	n.c.
Intl Paper	49⅜	–⅜
Merck	111⅜	+⅝
MMM	80⅛	+⅝
Intl Nickel	14⅝	+⅛
Owens	49⅛	–⅜
Procter Gam.	57⅛	+⅝
Chevron	37	+⅝
Sears	35¼	–½
Texaco	35½	–⅛
Union Carb.	50	+⅝
United Tech.	41½	+½
US Steel	30½	+⅛
Westinghouse	33⅜	–⅛
Woolworth	44	–½

GOLD & SILVER		
Gold Fix	321.15	+1.35
Asa Ltd.	45⅛	.+1½
Homestake	26½	+⅛

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Amer Is Paper	6⅞	n.c.
Ampal A	2	n.c.
Ampal Pfd.	6⅛	6¼
Alliance	2	n.c.
Bio Tech	7⅛	7⅝
Electronics Ord.	10¼	n.c.
Elbit	9⅛	–⅛
Elron Ord.	9¼	n.c.
Elscint	3½	n.c.
Etz Lavud	30⅜	+⅛
Fibronics	15⅜	+⅛
IDB Ord.	39	43
Interpharm	3⅜	4
Laser Indus	11½	+½
Optrotech	12	n.c.
Rada elec.	9⅝	10
Scitex	13½	–⅛
Taro-Vit	2⅜	3⅛
Teva	4⅛	4⅝

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FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES FOR 7.8.85

COUNTRY	CURRENCY		CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS PURCHASE	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS SALE	BANKNOTES PURCHASE	BANKNOTES SALE
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1	1471.620	1489.980	1458.590	1525.220
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	1	1957.254	1981.673	1939.920	2020.540
GERMANY	MARK	1	514.372	520.790	509.810	533.110
FRANCE	FRANC	1	168.416	170.517	161.080	174.550
HOLLAND	GULDEN	1	457.593	463.302	453.540	474.260
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	1	624.626	632.419	619.090	647.380
SWEDEN	KRONA	1	173.847	176.017	170.060	180.180
NORWAY	KRONE	1	174.984	177.168	171.180	181.360
DENMARK	KRONE	1	142.895	144.678	139.780	148.100
FINLAND	MARK	1	242.441	245.466	237.170	251.270
CANADA	DOLLAR	1	1080.881	1094.367	1062.740	1120.250
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1	1033.371	1046.264	987.340	1080.650
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	1	659.285	667.511	555.430	712.000
BELGIUM	FRANC	10	255.267	258.453	—	—
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	10	731.058	740.179	724.580	757.690
ITALY	LIRE	1000	773.722	783.375	732.360	811.900
JAPAN	YEN	1000	616.772	624.468	611.310	639.240

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	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	% change
Commercial Banks (not part of "arrangement")			
OHH r	14700	22	+2.8
Maritime 1	1633	903	–0.6
Maritime 5	630	851	+1.6
Gen non-arr	26530	25	+3.1
N. Amer. 1	2802	s.o.1	–5.0
N. Amer. 5	928	582	n.c.
N. Am. op 1	5655	105	–5.4
Danot 1	1419	122	+10.0
Danot 5	351	3208	–3.0
Danot sc 2	939	3	–2.1
Firstint 5	2475	2888	+4.2
FIBI	2380	3735	+4.6
Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")			
IDB r	62290	609	n.c.
IDB B r	63800	5	+2.9
IDB p A	383000	–	–
Union 0.1	46305	291	n.c.
Discount B r	80600	8	–1.2
Discount A r	79500	212	n.c.
Dis. B cn	9625	59	+3.7
Mizrahi r	26050	377	+2.4
Mizrahi b	26000	22	+2.8
Mizrahi cn 9	11750	11	+1.6
Hapoalim p	61730	2	–2.0
Hapoalim r	42860	831	+1.4
Hapoalim b	42220	126	–
Gen'l A	109509	20	+0.5
Gen'l op 9	106000	–	n.c.
Gen'l cn 5	83000	–	+1.2
Gen'l cn 7	5251	2	+2.1
Leumi 0.1	27390	1079	+2.6
Leumi cn 9	37000	28	+1.4
Leumi cn 11	10801	210	+6.9
Fin. Trade	37960	3	–0.1
Fin. Trade 5	19011	1	–5.4
Mortgage Banks			
Adanim 0.1	4780	23	+10.0
Gen Mort r	5068	389	+4.5
Gen Mort b	4848	10	n.c.
Carmel r	no trading		
Carmel deb	no trading		
Binyan	3270	26	–0.9
Dev. Mort	720	850	+5.9
Mishkan r	2045	248	+3.3
Independence	3530	–	+0.9
Tefahot p r	no trading		
Tefahot r	no trading		
Tefahot d 1	no trading		
Tefahot d 2	no trading		
Jaysour 1	833	–	+5.0
Jaysour 5	367	1818	–4.7
Merav r	1495	459	+3.1
Financial Institutions			
Shilton r	246	6656	–
Agric A	41675	b.o.3	+5.0
Agric C	147499	–	–
Leumi Ind r	3750	210	+5.6
Leumi Ind b	no trading		
Ind Dev P	no trading		
Ind Dev C	no trading		
Ind D CC	no trading		
Ind D CCI	no trading		
IND D D	no trading		
Ind D LID	no trading		
Contractor	3499	12	–2.4
Tourism	159000	–	–
Clal L 0.1	2583	105	–
Clal L 0.5	1385	80	+10.0
Clal L deb	10360	20	+6.1
Insurance			
Aryeh r	no trading		
Aryeh op	no trading		
A. sub deb	no trading		
Ararat 0.1 r	1320	74	+2.6
Ararat 0.5 b	815	146	+0.6
Reinsur 0.1	888	67	+9.8
Reinsur 0.5	455	100	+8.3
Hadar 1	1158	990	+10.0
Hadar 5	446	41	+10.1
Hassneh r	1795	816	+5.3
Phoenix 0.1	4844	17	n.c.
Phoenix 0.5	2074	–	–
Hamish 1	4450	6	–6.3
Hamish 5	1550	10	–4.0
Hamish op	2100	–	–
Yarden 0.1	no trading		
Yarden 0.5	no trading		
Menorah 1	12705	1	+10.0
Menorah 5	3969	b.o.2	+5.0
Sahar r	2375	s.o.1	–5.0
Securitas r	3610	177	n.c.
Zur r	1280	350	+6.7
Zion H 1	7886	73	+4.3
Zion H 5	2350	873	–2.0
Trade & Services			
Trade			
InterGam 1	2110	–	–
InterGam 5	885	–	–
InterGam op	506	200	n.c.
Meir Ezra	2750	58	n.c.
Meir Exp	2779	80	+11.0
Teta 1	no trading		
Teta 5	no trading		
Clal Trade	985	435	+10.1
Crystal 1	1805	227	–
Rapac 0.1	19800	–	–
Rapac 0.5	5385	10	–0.6
Superal 2	4200	193	+2.4
Super B 10	2000	672	+2.3
Services			
Delek r	3165	935	+3.3
Harel 1	2838	20	–3.0
Harel 5	1331	60	–5.0
Light. 0.1	6750	40	–4.3
Light. 0.5	1900	155	–0.9
ColdSto 0.1	932	349	–4.9
ColdSto 1	300	2286	+4.2
Israel Elec	no trading		
BondW 0.1	3452	99	–10.0
BondW 0.5	950	412	+3.5
BondW op	649	342	–3.0
Consort H 1	1585	42	+3.9
Consort 0.5	720	449	–0.1
Kepel 1	no trading		
Kepel op	no trading		
Man 1	18500	8	+8.2
Man 5	6200	79	n.c.
Sunfrost	7500	21	n.c.
Elite r	14228	167	n.c.
Assis	24900	3	+2.5
Angel	1805	60	+2.8
Shemen p	9900	71	–10.0
Textiles and Clothing			
Adgar	3090	–	–
Adgar op	2800	–	–
Ofis	1071	b.o.1	+5.0
Ofis op	2069	b.o.2	+5.2
Baruch 1	1474	498	+10.0
Baruch 5	830	242	+9.2
Eitan 1	no trading		
Eitan op	no trading		
Argaman r	4870	20	–1.0
Ata B 1	no trading		
Ata C 0.1	no trading		
Delta G 1	2750	126	n.c.
Delta G 3	2390	40	+1.3
U Spinners	no trading		
U Spinners	no trading		
Spin op	no trading		
Vitalgo	1560	143	+6.8
Vitalgo 5	1055	183	–0.9
Wardinon	2330	80	n.c.
Zikit 1	1735	249	+5.0
Zikit 5	967	410	+10.0
Tip Top 1	355	554	–7.6
Tip Top op	340	917	+9.7
Yamar 1	2650	76	+2.2
Lodzia 0.1	2516	139	+10.0
Lodzia 0.4	453	b.o.1	+5.1
Ligat	421	1944	+5.3
Ligat op	570	464	+15.2
MIF Glico	1116	212	+0.5
Glico op	2720	30	–1.8
Maquette 1	27000	19	–
Maquette 5	5960	122	–1.7
Eagle 1	10650	28	+0.9
Eagle 5	4600	153	–1.1
Emek	2088	203	+10.0
Polgat 0.1	5390	47	–
Polgat 0.4	2730	503	+2.2
Polygon r	4770	144	+2.1
Pargod	1172	1086	+4.9
Schoell.	10050	51	–5.6
Rogosin	4000	621	+5.3
Metals and Metal Products			
Octagon	1595	34	n.c.
Octagon op	1345	34	–1.1
Urdan 0.1 r	13700	88	+3.8
Urdan 0.5 r	11568	23	n.c.
Cables r	17550	18	+8.7
Hatehof 1	6199	b.o.1	+4.2
Hatehof 5	2247	b.o.1	+5.0
Is.Can Co 1	877	2572	+4.8
Is.Can Co 5	700	809	n.c.
Morgan	819	363	–5.8
Morgan op	770	217	+4.1
Sdom Met 1	1544	b.o.1	+5.0
Sdom op	1124	138	+7.0
ZionCabl 1	13300	171	+9.7
ZionCabl 5	4085	603	+10.0
Kadmani 1	1000	809	+3.1
Kadmani 5	333	2343	+7.1
Nechush 0.1	3250	156	+0.6
Nechush 0.5	1249	410	–0.1
Arad	3275	242	+4.0
Arad op	no trading		
Pecker	3762	133	n.c.
King 1	8150	8	n.c.
King 5	4150	70	n.c.
Kili 1	3222	b.o.1	+5.0
Kili 5	1166	162	+10.0
Shiadot	2574	421	+10.0
Lachish 1	1812	440	+10.0
Lachish 5	750	598	+7.1
Electrical Machinery Electronics, Optics			
Elbit 3 r	471000	8	+3.7
Elco 0.25 b	4000	55	+1.8
Elco 0.25	2540	147	n.c.
Electra 0.1	13950	4	n.c.
Electra 0.5	6950	37	n.c.
Elron	459000	9	+4.6
Arit	41000	70	n.c.
Arit op	41100	3	+1.2
Clal Elec	2810	1587	+2.2
Spectrix 1	2040	397	n.c.
Spectrix 5	1501	191	+3.5
Spec op	30001	4	–1.0
Feuchtw	2360	250	+1.7
Feuchtw	1240	243	+2.5
Cyclone 1	5550	75	–5.1
Cyclone 5	2000	185	n.c.
KatzAd 1	3576	256	+10.0
KatzAd 5	1530	204	+7.9
T.A.T. 1	4498	270	+8.3
T.A.T. 5	1460	1316	+9.0
T.A.T. op	13001	54	+5.7
Tedea	3590	189	+8.8
Building Materials			
I.P.Ind.	1740	378	n.c.
Alkol	3810	199	+1.3
Alkol op	6900	40	n.c.
Ackerst 1	4400	–	–
Ackerst 5	3812	56	+10.0
Tadir 1	886	200	–6.5
Tadir 5	no trading		
Barton 1	no trading		
Barton 5	no trading		
Barton op	823	443	–1.8
Hamashul 1	1583	487	n.c.
Hamashul 5	1000	330	n.c.
Hamas op	1300	338	+7.4
Trombest 1	14250	s.o.1	–5.0
Trombest 5	1900	97	–3.3
M.L.T. 1	1800	98	–7.1
M.L.T. 5	417	130	–5.0
Modul Inv.	1845	192	n.c.
Wolfman 1	no trading		
Wolfman 5	no trading		
Chemicals, Rubber, Plastics			
Agan 5	12500	76	+8.8
Alliance	670	b.o.1	+5.0
Gal Ind 1	6300	170	+6.1
Gal Ind 5	2300	285	n.c.
Dexter	3765	183	n.c.
Fertil 0.1	9200	50	n.c.
Fertil 0.5	3100	282	n.c.
HaifaChem	1439	b.o.1	+5.0
Teva r	56029	157	–
Teva op. 4	53000	45	–9.4
Lipsky	1520	1008	+9.2
Lipsky op	2683	200	+11.2
Dead Sea r	30400	442	+3.1
Petrochem	291	16427	n.c.
Maxima 1	3420	27	–1.7
Maxima 5	1840	20	+2.2
Maxima op	2080	10	n.c.
Neca Chem.	4159	100	–
Sano 1	7550	24	+0.7
Sano 5	3770	13	+0.3
Kedem	3890	30	+5.1
Kedem	3601	115	–1.9
T.G.L. 1	1719	b.o.1	+5.0
T.G.L. 5	801	b.o.2	+5.0
Taya	5510	84	n.c.
Frutarom	17000	82	n.c.
Taro	2940	–	+5.0
Wood, Paper, Printing			
Dafron 1	4400	11	–
Dafron 5	2297	92	+15.0
Haman 1	1573	375	+10.0
Haman op	1220	50	n.c.
Yaeh 1	3366	106	n.c.
Yaeh 5	8373	10	+15.1
Ashkelon	420	4787	+9.9
Ash op	716	800	+11.9
Molett	16420	54	+8.2
Paper Mills	109000	70	+1.9
Scandia 1	1221	61	n.c.
Rim 0.1 r	1850	52	n.c.
Rim 0.4 r	910	178	+2.1
Ta'al B r	13350	193	+2.3
Miscellaneous Industries			
Alumit 1	6395	110	–0.1
Alumit 5	3280	66	+5.1
Alumit op	4500	150	+8.4
Asdin 1	3000	536	+5.3
Asdin 5	1634	111	n.c.
Asdin op	1045	85	+11.8
Five J	7505	102	n.c.
Five J op	7010	7	n.c.
Zika 1	7310	84	–10.0
Zika 5	3035	77	+10.0
Pollak 1	7200	35	n.c.
Pollak 5	2991	211	–1.0
Industrial Investment			
Central Tr	5103	500	+5.0
Koor p	5470000	–	+5.2
Clal Ind	1016	5656	+3.9
Tech Res.	331	b.o.2	+5.1
Tech op	268	b.o.2	+6.3
Investment Companies			
Unico r	4050	215	–7.7
IDB Dev. r	2800	2659	+5.9
Incoba 0.1	1810	236	+6.2
Incoba 0.5	760	518	n.c.
Elgar r	3520	160	n.c.
Elgar b	3520	98	+3

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Dismissals as obsession

THAT the country's public service is hideously overstaffed, that it is chock-full of disposable manpower and should be thoroughly pruned, is a truth almost universally acknowledged. But that such a structural reform in the public service, which would require the careful elimination of redundant functions and departments, could be effected overnight, and that it would mightily contribute to the solution of the country's pressing economic problems, such as the yawning government budget deficit, is a dangerous illusion.

The costs of mass firings in the public service are in fact likely to be higher, in the short run, than the benefits. And when the size of the work force in the public service is taken into account, it is clear that even a 3 per cent, let alone a 6 per cent, reduction *in the work force will be massive.*

Behind such dismissals lurks the theory that jobless civil servants should, and could, find alternative employment in the productive sector. But with the recession already casting its dark shadow, the productive sector is offering few jobs to the *unemployed.* To qualify at all, most civil servants will have to undergo a period of retraining, which would cost the Treasury plenty without necessarily assuring work in the end.

Unemployment benefits amount to less than ordinary wages, but severance pay may in some cases amount to several years' salaries. How all this would appreciably reduce the budget deficit is a mystery.

When the government first launched its programme of dismissals, Treasury sources let it be known that they had long ago readied detailed plans for the happy occasion. But the lists of sackings so far decreed, or even merely proposed, reveal anything but thoughtfulness. On the contrary, they offer evidence of a process of selection so arbitrary and inhumane that it could only have been presided over by a mindless computer.

That is the charitable interpretation. Less charitably it could be suggested that the lists show at least traces of the settling of scores by superiors with their underlings, and of attempts by male bosses to rid themselves of female employees.

Several alternative proposals to outright dismissals have been put forward, only to be rejected by the Treasury. The Histadrut has proposed a five-day week, with correspondingly lower salaries. A former Treasury budget director has proposed a shorter working day, which should especially appeal to working mothers with small children. In several quarters it has been observed that enormous savings could be effected by cutting down on the monstrously inflated "perks" enjoyed by high-ranking officials who, though otherwise incorruptible, have completely obliterated the dividing line between public property and private use.

But Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i has set his mind on sackings, and Premier Shimon Peres has backed him to the hilt, carrying the whole government along. So sackings there must be.

There is, however, one technical hitch in the implementation of the programme. Having given up, at least for now, on pushing it through with the aid of emergency regulations, Mr. Peres opted for cooperation with the Histadrut. That was Yisrael Kessar's own initial demand: dismissals in the public sector only within the framework of existing labour contracts. This was granted, and on Sunday night Mr. Kessar also agreed to "recommend" to the public sector unions that they consent to shorten the dismissal process from the regular two or three months to a mere three weeks.

Mr. Kessar did so reluctantly, however, having already vented his displeasure at being invited to act as a party to a programme of dismissals – which, as Mr. Moda'i himself conceded, was not a fit role for the Histadrut's secretary general. But now the public sector unions have in any case served notice that they would not consent to a shortening of the firing process, since they would rather have no firings at all.

This leaves the government – meaning, in effect, Mr. Peres and Mr. Moda'i – no choice but to ram the programme through by any means available. If they are truly persuaded, despite the substantial evidence to the contrary, that it is essential.

POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. THE NAME of Kozo Okamoto has hideous associations for Israelis, but the late Abraham Okamoto is remembered fondly by thousands of students as their teacher in Japan and in the U.S.

Born in Tokyo as Hiroshi Okamoto, he was graduated from the Imperial Japanese Naval Academy and served in the Imperial navy. He met American Jewish chaplains in Tokyo after the war, became interested in Judaism, and after several years of study he and his wife were converted in Cincinnati in 1961. He took the name of Abraham, she, Rikva. The two kept a kosher home.

He graduated from the Hebrew Union College and was ordained as a Reform rabbi in 1964. He taught Hebrew for one year in Tokyo, and then spent five years at Oxford as a research scholar. In 1970 he was appointed a teacher of religious courses at the University of Miami, in Florida, and passed away in 1981. Rivka Okamoto still lives in Miami, where she is working on a biography of her late husband. *C.A.*

P.S. KNESSET members often fault Israel Television for accenting the negative. This happened again during a recent debate on voluntary organizations in Israel.

Yitzhak Peretz (Alignment) noted that the press gallery was practically empty and the TV cameras absent. Would television not have done a public service by bringing the message of volunteering to the public? he asked.

A few days before, he recalled, the Labour and Social Affairs Committee, accompanied by a TV crew, visited an Arab neighbourhood in Jaffa. They entered the rather primitive home of one unfortunate family and, *Ya habibi*, the TV people worked overtime.

"Then we went to another Arab home, nicely refurbished. I wish that every family in Israel lived in such a home. But the television had no time. They disappeared. We went on to day-care centres, including one for both Arab and Jewish children. No television!"

P.S. NEVADA'S biggest legal brothel, the Mustang Ranch, is going public.

A Southern California estate investment company, Strong Point, whose shares are traded in the U.S. over-the-counter market, said recently it had bought the brothel, whose staff includes 80 full-time and 20-part-time women, for $18 million.

"It's a good business with good earnings," the senior vice president of the firm, Roger Garrity said.

Joe Conforte, who owns the ranch with his wife Sally, said he is selling because he wants to retire after working for 30 years and because he needs the money to cover back taxes.

Brothels are legal in most countries in Nevada.

The pink stucco bordello comes with over 1,500 dunams of farm land and an adjoining caravan park.

Conforte said Strong Point intends to build a golf course and an airstrip on the land. He added that the company should recoup its money in six years.

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Creating a cause at any price

By YOSEF GOELL

THE INCREASING polarization in Israel society has been largely due to the far-right and "racist" elements. But there are occasions when the extreme left also makes its contribution to this polarization. I am referring to the debate surrounding the killing of the terrorists in the bus hijacking of April 1984.

In that case, four Palestinian terrorists hijacked an Ashkelon-bound bus and forced it to go to Deir el Balah in the Gaza Strip, where it was stopped by a special army unit put on alert. In the firefight that developed the terrorized passengers were freed – with one young girl soldier being killed. Two of the terrorists were killed in the assault. Two others were seen to be taken out alive but were later reported to have died.

The dovish weekly *Koteret Rashit* and its editor, Nahum Barnea, have since led a media crusade demanding that the soldiers involved, and the ranking officer present, Chief Infantry and Paratroop Officer Tat-Aluf Yitzhak Mordecai, be investigated for their role in the incident and be tried for illegally killing the two terrorists.

The military and political establishments were deeply embarrassed by the whole affair and by the facts revealed by the media, especially by published photographs showing one of the terrorists being led away from the bus alive.

A series of foot-dragging investigations took 15 months. The last such inquiry, headed by State Attorney Yonah Blatman, reportedly has now submitted a recommendation to the attorney-general *not* to charge Tat-Aluf Mordecai with manslaughter. Kol Israel, in reporting this, added that he might yet be charged with use of force and improper conduct.

TO MY MIND the entire affair is a case of a system gone haywire. None of the critics find fault with the fact that two terrorists were killed in the assault. What is being criticized is the clear fact that the two not killed outright were subjected to an extreme buffeting that resulted in their deaths.

Citizen's Rights Movement MK Ran Cohen (himself a senior army officer) congratulated Tat Aluf Mordecai for being cleared of the charges. He went on, however, to call on Prime Minister Peres and Defence Minister Rabin to find out who was responsible for "murdering the two terrorists," and to bring those responsible to trial.

Let me respectfully submit that the concept "murdering terrorists" is a contradiction in terms. I have nearly been tempted to resort to the analogy of wild animals. But I have nothing against wild animals, and I certainly do not believe they should be killed.

Terrorists, however, are man-killing animals. As such, they cannot be murdered. They can, and must, be expunged from human society.

Terrorists are not enemy soldiers. The rules of warfare concerning the treatment of prisoners should not pertain to them. For they are knowingly out to kill and to maim defenceless civilians.

It is because so many potential terrorists live among us and find it so easy to attack us at our visible weak points, that the rules of warfare, and even the legal constraints of anti-criminal police action, should not apply to them.

Ideally, potential terrorists should be made to live with the perception that they will be torn limb from limb by the enraged citizenry on whom they seek to prey.

Terrorists, as opposed to enemy soldiers, should be classified as outlaws, in the biblical sense of *damo mutar* (the shedding of his blood is permitted, and even enjoined, upon every one of us).

Admittedly this is pretty macho talk. But it is an essential point of view we must internalize if we are to succeed in our fight against the scourge of terrorism. Terrorists have never been a threat to the State of Israel; they have been a threat to Israelis and Jews as individuals (and, yes, to Palestinian and Israeli Arabs as individuals, too).

After the murder of the two teachers from Afula and the shameful anti-Arab pogrom in the town, I asked a dovish colleague, "what would you have done had this happened to your own son or daughter?"

"I would have killed the terrorist murderers with my own hands," he said.

I don't know whether I or my colleague would actually be capable of doing just that. But I am grateful that someone else is capable of doing just that for us. Neither Tat-Aluf Mordecai nor any of the soldiers who risked their lives in the freeing of the bus hostages were in any way remiss in the performance of their duties. Interrogation of the captured terrorists, by any means, including torture, in order to discover the details of the booby-trapped satchel and of the grenade still on the bus was essential.

THE ONLY reason captured terrorists should not be killed in the field is the hope of forcing such essential information from them, and for more long-range intelligence purposes, in the ongoing war against terrorism. If something went slightly wrong in the interrogation that was no reason to harass the soldiers and officers who were risking their lives in doing their duty for the rest of us, who are the potential victims of these man-killing animals.

If there was anything reprehensible in this entire affair, it was the crusade by parts of the media against the army and the military establishment and the embarrassment which the latter evinced.

There was no need for all this pussy-footing and foot-dragging. The death of the two terrorists during the course of such an interrogation was one of the not unreasonable outcomes in such a traumatic encounter. No one should feel guilty or be held guilty for it.

So what does all of this have to do with the polarization I spoke of at the outset?

Many dovish leftists are unable to differentiate between the "rights" of murderous terrorists and the rights of Arabs innocent of terrorist activity to security and respectful treatment. This inability to differentiate is driving many Israelis to argue that "I don't like Kahane, but you have to admit there is something to what he says."

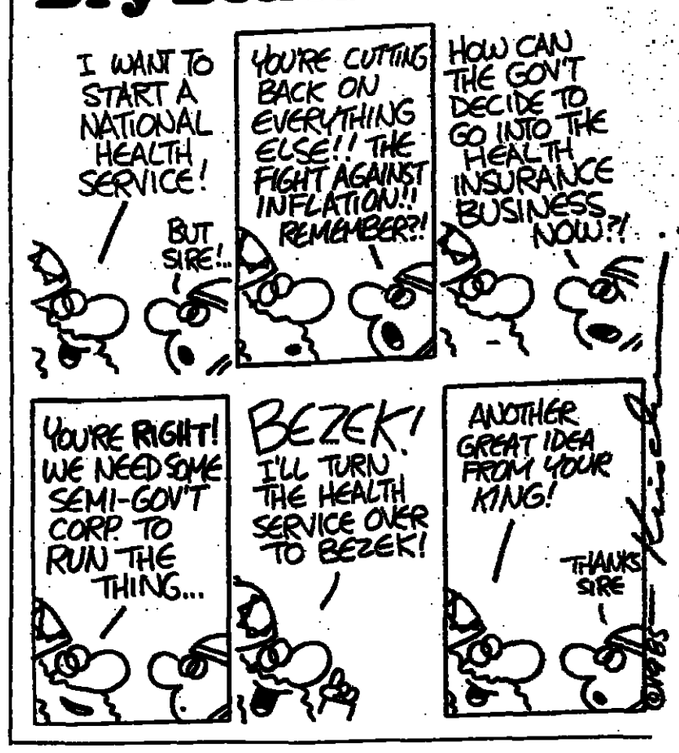
Koteret Rashit editor Nahum Barnea said on Educational Television this week that there is a direct line leading from the events at Deir el Balah and the pogrom at Afula.

The only direct line I can see is that leading from the defence of terrorists and the crusade against the army by *Koteret Rashit* and the anguished conclusion by a growing number of Israelis that many of their intellectual leaders and opinion-makers have deserted them in our common fight against the scourge of terrorism.

As a postscript, just think: had the two terrorists not been killed, they would have stood trial, been found guilty and sentenced to long prison terms, and been released, let free in the recent misguided prisoner swap. It is infinitely more just that they were killed.

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Dry Bones



Expenditure tax

By DAVID KRIVINE

THE POOR should be taxed little, and the rich should be taxed a great deal. Everybody agrees on that. How can it be done? The easy answer is: tax income. All countries do it, but there is a flaw in the system.

The flaw is that wages are easy to tax, and capital gains hard. Wages are the mainstay of the poor, whereas the rich rely on capital gains. So income tax hits the poor harder than the rich.

How do we know? By looking around us. Even in countries where prices are stable and the tax system works, an astonishing number of people spend money like there is no tomorrow. They keep looking for ways to get rid of it (houses in town and country, posh cars, jewelry, foreign travel and whatever else there is.)

The celebrated economist Nicholas Kaldor came up with an idea in the Fifties: stop taxing people's income; tax their expenditure instead.

For three decades his proposal was bandied about (one or two under-developed countries applied it – unsuccessfully – on Kaldor's recommendation). Last month, Britain's Social Democratic Party (SPD) officially adopted the expenditure tax as policy, incorporating it into its election programme.

His wealth is paper wealth – until he spends it. As long as he does not, he harms no one. The miserly millionaire who lives in a three-room flat and travels by bus is a public benefactor. Heaven forbid that the Treasury should interfere – they will only waste his money. They would be better advised to leave it in his hands: he will look after it, because it is his.

The spendthrift millionaire is something else. He spends and spends to prove how rich he is. The labour force is busy supplying goods and services for his conspicuous consumption. That consumption is what should be taxed. As long as he puts money aside, he should be left alone. Once he starts to fritter it away, then is the time to pounce.

The pouncing, of course, should be done progressively. Outlays on keeping body and soul together must be exempt. Moderate spending above that will be taxed lightly. Middle-income earners will be charged more heavily, as they are now, but with a difference.

Instead of paying away half their earnings, they will pay away half their expenditure; so the tax comes to less than half their earnings – or should do, and certainly will do if all the money put aside is tax-free.

As for the big spenders, outlays over a certain substantial amount – that is, the money going on luxury living – should be taxed at something like 75 per cent. They will have the same privileges as the poor. Their necessary expenditure will be taxed moderately, but on all the rest the axe will fall. Self-indulgence should cost them four times the shop price.

It does not matter where their money comes from – wages, capital gains, stock-exchange transactions, speculation on exchange rates, pensions, legacies. Once it is used for spending, it should be taxed.

THE PROBLEM is how to assess the sum to be taxed. How many people can estimate how much they spent on consumption, say, between April 1, 1984 and March 31, 1985. Yet that is the sum to be taxed.

The calculation can, in fact, be made indirectly. Under this system, citizens will have to declare their income as they do now, from all sources.

A second declaration will then be necessary. This will show how much of that money was put aside, whether in dollar-linked deposits or government bonds or stock-exchange securities or whatever, including any cash still outstanding in current accounts at the end of the year.

The public will have an interest in making a full disclosure in this second declaration because all of the money not spent is tax-exempt. Income (Declaration I) minus savings (Declaration II) represents outlay on consumption, and this last figure is the one that is of interest to the revenue officer.

What if you buy a flat? Answer: The first $100,000 of the purchase price could be classified as saving; anything above that as consumption.

What if you choose to put your money into valuable paintings as an investment – should that be regarded as consumption? Answer: Yes, for the following reason. The seller of the paintings will use the money for one of two purposes, either as savings or consumption. If for savings, he will be tax-exempt on the sale; therefore he can afford to lower the price.

The buyer will be taxed on his outlay, but it should be, under the circumstances, a smaller outlay. If the seller uses the money for consumption, there is no tax relief for either party.

How about medical expenses? Deductible up to a certain limit, as they are now. Family allowances? The same.

What about the taxation of business companies? In practice, the flat-rate company tax will have to be maintained because it exists and supplies needed revenue to the Treasury (an old tax is a good tax, say experts on the subject.) Other countries have the same levy, so Israeli companies would not be at a disadvantage.

One day, however, it should be dismantled. The result will be to lower prices and thus promote consumption – which should give a fillip to the tax on consumption.

Another question: most income tax is currently levied at source. Expenditure tax can only be assessed at the end of the year. Will that not complicate the revenue-gathering process?

Answer: many wage earners do not save except for their medical insurance, pension fund and other fringe-benefit deductions made on their pay slip. They can opt to refrain from reporting, and to pay tax at source on all their take-home wage (minus these deductions) as they do at present.

Most will prefer to report, in order to exploit the tax-exemption by saving at least part of their take-home earnings. The system of *mikdamot*, or advance tax payments, now confined to the self-employed, could be extended to cover all people who opt to report on their savings.

It sounds straightforward, but there is still a complication. Suppose the value of our investment grows during the year. We make a capital gain and spend it. How will the tax authorities know?

It would seem that we will have to provide an audited report on all our investments during the year – what we bought and for how much, what we sold and for how much. It isn't easy, but then who said taxation was easy?

A distinguished economist at Tel Aviv University suggests a different method altogether. Oblige every payment of income to be made by cheque into our bank account. Then all the taxman has to do is go through our bank statements throughout the year.

All withdrawals are deemed to be for consumption, other than those that are earmarked for investments.

THE ADVANTAGE of the expenditure tax is that it redresses the maldistribution of goods as between rich and poor.

Admittedly, it expropriates a smaller proportion of a person's currently taxable income: but on the other hand it latches onto all his income, not just the currently taxable part. Today, a person's spending money is taxed not at all if it derives from capital gain. Under the new system it will be taxed in full whatever its source.

The expenditure tax will do more to equalize levels of living, as opposed to levels of ownership. It will discourage spending and encourage saving – which in the present situation of under-production and over-consumption prevalent in Israel and nearly all the Western world should be an unmixed blessing.

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READERS' LETTERS

CHRISTIAN PROTEST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir – We were distressed to read Haim Shapiro's report of July 10 on the press conference we participated in concerning a Christian view of Mormon doctrine. The main point of the press conference was barely mentioned, while a false impression was left that we were there to oppose the Brigham Young University extension campus, and to condemn the Jerusalem Municipality's stand on the issue.

Our main purpose, as we stressed over and over, was to point out to Jews, and non-Christian Arabs, that Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant groups all agree that Mormonism is a non-Christian cult. Mormon doctrine teaches that human beings can become gods, that Mormonism is the true "restored" Christianity, that the dead, including Jews, can be "converted" to Mormonism by secret temple rites, and many other such things which we consider heresies. This was the overwhelming content of the press conference.

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